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A Reply

Sir.—When your correspondent "Doo Mo Loo" writes about a custom in British circles for an accuser who makes serious allegations to reveal his identity, he seems to have overlooked the fact that he himself has failed to put this custom into practice.

As mentioned in my letter of yesterday, I have previously made reports to the Police regarding matters where corruption is involved.

Before coming to any decision as to whether or not I will accept the challenge of "Doo Mo Loo" to reveal my identity, I would like to know whether he would, after revealing his identity, be prepared to accompany me to China proper and there make the same accusations against the Chinese as he has made through your columns.

I regret that I do not quite understand what "Doo Mo Loo" means when he refers to the "decent host." It never occurred to me when I joined the HKVDC in 1925, when the well-being of this Colony was threatened, or in 1941, when I took part in the Battle of Hong Kong as a member of H.M. Forces, that I was a guest in this Colony. For the information of "Doo Mo Loo," Hong Kong has been my home for more than 20 years and I believe that I have every right to criticise shortcomings on the part of Government when I feel that such shortcomings may bring about its downfall.

I am not here, "Doo Mo Loo," to make a fortune, the quickest possible time and then retire to "Merrie England."

SIMPLE SIMON.

Prejudiced Mind

Sir.—In connection with the controversy aroused by "Simple Simon" in his many letters which were closely followed by many, I cannot help but come to the conclusion that our friend by his violent views is undoubtedly somewhat prejudiced in his mind. I am sure many will agree with me on that.

But, while Simple Simon could be said to have a frank, blunt, but extreme personality, it should be borne in mind that he does not necessarily follow that he is a crank, who just does not know what he is talking about.

Numerous points made by him, though violently transformed by his pen, are based on actual facts. For instance, one must admit that the Chinese in Hong Kong are more subject to "exploitation" than the foreigner—a fact which many people attempt to refute in vain. The fact remains that, as a result, the Colony has become something akin to a "White Man's Paradise," where the white foreigner generally gets the upper hand, while the Chinese or local born masses get the crumbs that fall from the table of opportunity. As to Simple Simon's previous references to Government Departments, which he has accused of corruption, one might think it a gross exaggeration of the truth. But what I think needs in certain Government Departments is high-mindedness in their dealings with the public which they are supposed to serve. What public servants, I must say!

CITIZEN JOE.

Doo Mo Loo

Sir.—It seems to me, judging by his writing, that D.M.L. is apparently suffering from a superiority complex and is therefore harbouring a false pride.

I have been following the righteous and courageous writings of Simple Simon, whose ideals I fully share and whose philosophy of life I respect; like your other regular correspondent, "W," he is a great social reformer and a champion of the underdog.

D.M.L. must acquire the sense of understanding certain people have difficulties in exposing their identity in the Press; in my case professional ethic is my difficulty and I believe Simple Simon has his own. However, I can offer a solution. I give you, Mr. Editor, the permission to reveal my identity to D.M.L. if he cares to call on you, for I will be very glad to accept his challenge on behalf of Simple Simon.

T. F. W.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Groundnuts

Sir.—With reference to your recent editorial criticising the British Government's Ground Nut Scheme, whilst I agree there is a definite cause for complaint in the manner they have gone about attacking this great problem, and the enormous expenditure incurred, I feel although I must agree with your editorial, there are things to the credit of the Government which should be voiced.

The scheme from the capitalist point of view, or profit motive, is not a good business venture. On the other hand, what have the Tories or capitalists done to capitalise the natural resources of this colony during the last 100 years? It has been sadly neglected because they could not see an immediate return of profits, they were completely unconcerned either to use the natural resources of the country for the benefit of its people or the health of the food for the British people, because at that time they could find easier pickings in other parts of the continent driving men to work in the diamond mines, in many cases away from their families, and forced to live under conditions fit only for animals.

The Ground Nut Scheme should not be judged by the profit motive, but as a great experiment to provide food for the British people and to provide employment for the indigenous people with decent conditions and in keeping with the agrarian pursuits of the people of that part of the world.

Since the country has first to be rid of the tsetse fly (the cause of malaria) and other diseases, which has hitherto made the country almost impossible for white people, and has maintained a high death rate, it was bound to be very expensive in the first instance.

Surely the question of lasting benefits to humanity and a commendable attempt to improve and increase the food resources of the world is a good reason for praise, rather than condemnation, experiments frequently bring mistakes in their train, but surely some of the greatest improvements in human welfare have been the results of experiments and mistakes, after all, the important thing is not merely to deny mistakes, but to see we learn from them, mistakes and experiments are preferable to inaction and standing on the touch line criticisms.

The British Empire was built by enterprise and adventure of those who in their day were accused of being reckless and foolhardy, they too made mistakes, we who followed them have benefited by their enterprise.

It is true that if profit motive alone is to be the criterion, then the Ground Nut Scheme in its need by the supporters of that system, but those who rate human values more highly, will leave the verdict to history, and not cry "stinking fish" at this initial stages will stand condemnation.

C.H.M.L.

Anti-TB Measure

Sir.—I should like to endorse wholeheartedly a recent plea in the Press for former squatters but areas to be converted into temporary public parks, as a means of combating TB.

If there is anything this Colony desperately needs, it is public parks and recreation grounds for its congested population. Moreover, to provide these would only require a small fraction of the funds, needed for erecting new TB hospitals and sanatoriums, and such a preventive measure in the fight against this widely spread disease would nevertheless be far more successful in the long run.

In this connection I should like to draw attention to another, equally intensive and basic reform, which so far seems to have been entirely overlooked, although of paramount importance as a means of preventing TB. I mean the discarding of Polluted Flies for human consumption. Already decided upon by his biologically sound mind, this staple food of the masses in the Far East through the process of polluting is deprived of the major part of its vitamins, minerals and amide acids and thus, besides losing considerably in quantity, is converted into a highly defective product, undermining the health of the masses and thereby contributing to the spread of TB, beriberi and other deficiency diseases. It is deplorable that the use of such a product nevertheless as well as the allowed to continue unregulated, to the detriment of public health in the Colony.

I am, of course, fully aware of the difficulties facing this task, on account of the extreme conservatism of the Chinese population as well as the low cultural level and lack of public spirit of the great majority. In view of these drawbacks it would seem that a mere voluntary campaign, aiming at enlightening the masses, would not be successful. Again, to resort to outright prohibition of such a staple food is considered as a too drastic step. Anyhow, I believe that an acceptable solution to this problem could be found. This might be a worthwhile task for our energetic Reform Club.

Naturally, I do not propose to close down any existing hospitals or sanatoriums; these are certainly all needed under prevailing conditions; but I venture to claim that these two basic reforms, aiming at providing ample sun and air and adequate food for the inhabitants of the Colony, would be effective for far outweighing any such palliative measures as building new expensive hospitals etc. for combating TB. Besides, the money thus saved could then be earmarked for other, more constructive purposes.

Thanking you in anticipation for the use of your valuable space.

FR. B.

Automobile Association

Sir.—On behalf of the Automobile Association I would like to thank your various correspondents for their kind letters. It is true that membership is not all that might be, and I would appeal to more Chinese car owners to join.

I mention our Chinese friends particularly because there are more of them and many of them have never been to Europe. Had they been to England or America they would realise that belonging to motoring associations carries quite a lot of "face"; in fact many cars proudly display the badges of several different Associations.

One thing that the motoring public should realise is that where it is the job of the car to carry you it is the job of the A.A. scout to help you and many a fine has been saved by A.A. scouts calling attention to broken rear lights or obliterated number plates.

It is true that a comprehensive handbook for motorists will shortly be issued to members. Moreover, attempts are being made to arrange with local garages a free breakdown service for members in any part of Hong Kong or the Leased Territories. When telephones are available it is also hoped to arrange special A.A. telephones in outlying districts and a special call service for chauffeur driven cars. This will, of course, be available to members only.

With a greatly increased membership it will be possible to arrange for motor-cycle patrols on many more roads, providing additional security for members as well.

as help in parking, engine trouble and protection against theft. Only by wearing the badge on your car will you secure these favours. For those who think it is too much to pay for the metal badge, some paper badges for sticking on the windscreen are now being printed and will be issued free. They will carry the same privileges.

Government has very kindly appointed a member of the Association Committee to the Traffic Advisory Committee. This means that members' traffic problems and difficulties can be brought to the attention of Government and members will have a real voice in motoring matters.

J. A. STERICKER,
Chairman Publicity Committee,
Automobile Association of
Hong Kong.

Motoring

Sir.—May I briefly put in a word in support of the Automobile Association of Hong Kong? The other evening my wife and I came out of the cinema and found it raining. To add to our troubles we found we had a puncture. I was wearing my one and only best suit, so the situation looked pretty grim.

Fortunately my car is the possession of an A.A. badge. I called on an A.A. attendant and it was the work of a moment to change the wheel. My faith in human nature was further restored when the man refused to accept anything but my thanks.

R. B.

Key Money

Sir.—In his efforts to impress, I am of the opinion that "W" in his letter published in your issue of April 14, was guilty of gross exaggeration and inaccuracy in his statement to the effect that apartments constructed at a cost of \$40,000 have been leased at \$50,000 key money plus \$400 to \$500 monthly rental.

Perhaps "W" from his inexhaustible sources of information will be so good as to quote one example of this occurring in Hong Kong.

W. C.

Government Reform

Sir.—There are those who think that the need for a forward movement in Hong Kong in the matter of representative Government is so plain and clear that no more need be said about it. They deprecate what they call destructive criticism.

I do not agree. If reform is to come it will have to come through the English Government. It will not come through the Government unless the need for it and the immediate need for it is made plain.

The members of the Reform Club are in complete agreement as to this need. They do not, however, necessarily stress the same points.

In that rough and rude place called England it would be said without offence, "a vote of no confidence" is the first necessary preliminary.

In this connection I want to deal with two outstanding problems. As to the second I shall use words that some of you may think harsh. I feel however that they cannot be avoided. I wish that someone other than myself had the task of saying them. If what I say is true, however, and you know it, I ask for your support.

The recent debate on the Budget announced on Thursday, March 31, was possibly one of the most important held in Hong Kong for many years. In the course of the debate, namely on March 31, his Excellency the Governor spoke explaining the constitutional position and using words emphasising the complete importance to the Legislature of the unofficial members, and of public opinion that was articulate. Every citizen of Hong Kong would be wise to read his words and thereafter read them again. To avoid possibility of misunderstanding let me say that every well wisher of Hong Kong will be grateful to his Excellency for the words used.

I wish I had time to refer more to this debate and in particular to the bold and brilliant speech by Mr. Cassidy and the delightful reply—full of hope—given to him by the Colonial

Secretary who, giving illustration, said that Mr. Cassidy had hit the nail upon the head in the matter of public relations. I wish he had gone on to say that Mr. Cassidy had hit the nail upon the head with equal firmness on other matters of high policy. I propose to ask the Reform Club to examine Mr. Cassidy's speech line by line. In my view it was instructive in the matter of more than one point of policy.

This brings me to my two outstanding problems. Outstanding because unless they are tackled and tackled aright we shall find that we are but beating the air in our efforts to improve living conditions in this place.

That always is our objective. Two important speeches have been recently made, the first by Mr. Morse speaking at a general meeting of the Hong Kong Bank on March 1, and the second by the Municipal Council Secretary and said "It might prove to be the case that opinion now favours a larger and more representative Legislative Council of which a considerable proportion of the members would be elected rather than a cumbersome municipal organisation with restricted responsibility." Rumour has it that Mr. Morse is not without influence and support amongst the unofficial members.

Speaking on the budget debate on March 21, Mr. Cassidy insisted that the present Legislature was of a caretaker nature only. Speaking of the Municipal Council Scheme he said, "There is I believe a strong body of opinion that does not favour this form and would rather see a larger and more representative Legislative Council working in conjunction with a larger and more representative Urban Council than through the cumbersome machinery of the proposed Municipal Council."

I ask you to note that both of them speak of the cumbersome machinery of the proposed Municipal Council and of the larger and more representative Legislative Council.

I take the words of Mr. Morse and Mr. Cassidy to mean that they have made up their minds to throw the whole of their weight against the Municipal Council scheme in favour of an enlarged and representative Legislative Council and that without the delay which Mr. Landale deplored.

The position then is this. It seems to us that the words used by Mr. Morse and Mr. Landale set out with precision public opinion as we believe it to be. We believe that the Municipal Council scheme is better dead, than it is to be a larger and more representative Legislative Council. Upon this proposition we shall give them all the support in our power.

Here, however, we stop. It is necessary that we should safeguard our position. In any period of time intervening between the death blow to the Municipal Council Scheme and the reconstitution of the Legislature we shall not be able to profess even for a week that that body enjoys the support of any considerable section of the people. It is in my view completely necessary not only that this view should be stated but also that it should be explained.

It is necessary that the Legislature itself should know it because if it does it may be persuaded on its own matters to be more helpful in the short time still at its disposal than it has been for the last year or two.

I have not met an intelligent man in Hong Kong who in the matter of the Legislature has fallen into the trap of the Municipal Council Scheme. The same man who would not say it openly would be shocked at the suggestion that he joined the Reform Club. The Reform Club of course is not yet respectable.

I must, however, be said. I say it only because if it is not said, as sure as you are alive you will get nowhere with your new Legislature, you will get the same thing again.

Here then is my proposition. I submit that:

- (a) The Legislature of Hong Kong does not enjoy the confidence of the people or any section of the people, because
- (b) the big business houses and financial groups appear to have a grip upon it that is almost complete; because
- (c) it is not representative of any interest except that of big business.

That grip must be loosened or we shall fall a second time. Have not the big business houses done much for Hong Kong? Of course they have.

Are not their leaders amongst the most dominating personalities? Yes, they are.

Should they not be represented in the Legislature? Of course they should. They must not however be the only people represented.

The immediate problems of Hong Kong which most affect the lives of the ordinary man required above all things to be handled by a Legislature that was disinterested. It has been catastrophic that it has been governed by a Legislature of which this could not be said.

The recent budget debate provided the latest illustration. There were in fact three sides. I will however refer to one only.

In this debate the sorrows of landlords were put forward with feeling and admirable skill. The danger of interfering with the laws of supply and demand was stressed. It was twice stressed. There was, however, no one there to put the other side of the picture. To put the case of the little man (and his family), to explain that he was being crushed out of existence because things

Personalia

Arrivals from Manila yesterday by CPA included Messrs. Roman Lu, Vincente, Mr. Yap Kuan, Arthur Parry, William G. Gordon and Wong Hong.

Among the passengers arriving by Pan American plane from Bangkok yesterday were: Mr. Joseph Weinstein, Mr. Herman Krueger, Miss Elvira Lucko (Foreign Division, ICA, New York), and Mr. Chien Chang Chow of China's National Resources Commission.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Barrett left yesterday by Alaska Airlines for Vancouver.

Among those who arrived by BOAC from Bangkok yesterday were: Mr. J. H. Alkman, Mr. J. C. Wright, Mrs. H. J. Gorman, F. Blomley, Mr. E. Ogden, Mr. E. Gibson, and Mr. A. M. Lottus.

Mr. Clarence Bruce Hill, President of Engineering, Tool and Forging Limited, of St. Catharines, Ontario, arrived here yesterday by Pan American plane from Bangkok. Mr. Kenneth Noble, Canadian Trade Commissioner for Hong Kong, met Mr. Hill at Kai Tak. The Canadian business executive plans to leave for Manila on April 19.

Messrs. W. J. Clayton, D. Chand, V. T. Kwang, S. K. Goh and Shee Kwang were among the passengers from Singapore and Bangkok who arrived in the Colony by CPA on Wednesday.

Arrivals on Wednesday from Manila by CPA included Messrs. Hubert H. Heath, Co. Beng, Ang Go-dian and Lim Tong-kap.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mrs. M. J. Bell, Captain and Mrs. K. C. Colthorpe, Mr. and Mrs. T. Atcheson, Mrs. M. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. H. Messrs. E. D. Schutels, J. Smith, J. T. M. Ganghmay, and Hal Delphin.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mrs. D. Carpenter, Mrs. R. Collins, Mrs. J. Douglas, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. H. Odie, Mrs. L. Eberle, Mrs. M. H. H. Messrs. E. D. Schutels, J. Smith, J. T. M. Ganghmay, and Hal Delphin.

Mr. R. E. Dean will speak on "Novel Experiments in Horticulture" at the Hong Kong Rotary Club's luncheon on Tuesday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong hotel.

Mr. De Lasala returned to Hong Kong on Tuesday from Saigon by Air France.

That might be done to help him were not being done—to explain that it was nonsense to talk about the laws of supply and demand because they had utterly broken down.

Take this case as an illustration. If my little man were represented even by someone with as little ability as myself, the black market would be clapped down upon wherever it showed its ugly head and with an iron hand. Key money in its various odious forms would not have been legalised. Landlords if necessary would be sternly reminded that the capital value of their properties had increased five fold. The powers of such bodies, as the Quartering Authorities would be extended and increased. The Landlord and Tenant Ordinance would be rewritten in such a way that ridiculous anomalies were removed.

I only refer to myself because I do not happen to be a Communist, per even a labourer, even like my friend Mr. Demetrius a Liberal—but a stolid Conservative—with one advantage only that he happened to be a little man himself.

I frankly admit that if I had happened to be connected with big business in Hong Kong, and had been invited to be a member of the Legislature it would not have occurred to me to do other than accept. If I had, considerable landlord interests I should see things largely from the landlords' point of view.

I should hope however to be able to take a big view of the position such as Mr. Morse and Mr. Landale appear to have taken. I looked up the records of both of them and was not surprised to find that they were distinguished sportsmen.

I make my appeal to them with complete respect as distinguished sportsmen. They have made a generous advance. I hope that they will not think I have been ungrateful in reply. I should however have been, but hypocritical if I had made proposition number one but failed to follow it up with proposition number two. Whatever their suggestions and proposals may be as to the form of the new Executive and Legislative Council, I hope that they will fight with the Reform Club to avoid delay and to ensure that a Legislature is set up that is balanced.

We upon our side shall not make the mistake of underestimating the importance and value to the Colony of the great interests of which they are trustees. We realise also that the Government and Legislature of Hong Kong are entitled to the service of the best brains to be found amongst the community.

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Reform Club Has A Housing Scheme

A scheme for erecting semi-detached houses for workers, costing only HK\$4,000 each, outside city limits, is being considered by the Reform Club of Hong Kong.

This information was disclosed by Mr. Brook Bernacchi when he addressed a well-attended meeting of the Club held at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday evening.

"The scheme is still in its infancy, but I can give you this assurance now, that we do not intend to delay, as the Government has delayed for years over this problem. We intend to show that we are capable of being an effective force," said Mr. Bernacchi.

The practicability of such a scheme was, however, questioned by members of the audience. The cost of land itself was one point. Mr. Bernacchi said the land would have to be further away from the city. An area on the mainland was under consideration, and in view of the object of the scheme he felt that Government would not and could not refuse the land.

On the question of accessibility, Mr. Bernacchi said the Kowloon Motor Bus Company might be induced to issue season tickets at HK\$25 a month.

Legislative Council

Mr. Bernacchi's address yesterday was an attack on the constitution of Hong Kong's Legislative Council which some nominated members, he said, were not representatives of the people.

"An unofficial majority itself is of no use when such a majority confines the bulk of nominated members. Such a majority is not majority at all. What we want is a number of members in the legislature who can both represent us and be an effective opposition."

"Nominated members, you have been on the legislature and the executive too long. In God's name, go!" (Applause)

Earlier in his talk Mr. Bernacchi said there was very little difference between the legislature of today and that provided for by the Royal Charter of 1843.

"One of the reasons why constitutional development in Hong Kong has been so slow is undoubtedly the lack of interest taken in such matters by the public, but I do not think this is the only reason," went on Mr. Bernacchi.

"Hong Kong undoubtedly presents a very great problem to constitutional development in that it contains a large population who are not British subjects or who have a dual nationality and owe allegiance also to the Government of the great country across our border."

The Reform Club, said Mr. Bernacchi, does not support any move to incorporate Hong Kong with China at the present time. The difficulty is, therefore, to

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Reminders

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Opening of Mr. Tse-kai Feng's exhibition of paintings and Chinese fans, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 9 a.m.
St. John's Cathedral, three hours' service, 12 noon.
St. John's Cathedral: Matins, Litany, Ante-Communion, 7.30 a.m.
St. Andrew's Church: Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. Litany and Holy Communion, 10 a.m.
Catholic Cathedral: Mass of Presanctified 8 a.m.; Way of the Cross, 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's Church 3 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Exhibition of paintings by Mr. Tse-kai Feng, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 9 a.m.
Kowloon Cricket Club Easter Dance, 9 p.m.
Easter Race Meeting, Happy Valley, First Day, 11.30 a.m. SUNDAY

Opening night at Bible Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Tee H Club Classical Concert, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Talk on "Advent" by Colonel Brander, Creighton, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon: 7 a.m. Holy Communion; 8 a.m. Holy Communion with Easter hymns; 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Festival Morning Prayer; 12.15 p.m. Sermon; special Easter music by The Choir and solo by Miss Margaret Stuart; 7.45 p.m. Holy Communion.

Easter Service at Robert Morrison Church, Macao, preacher: The Rev. Mr. G. Hall-Lipscomb, 11 a.m.

MONDAY

Easter Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

At a recent Legislative Council meeting.

Both expressed the view, he said, that public opinion was in favour of a larger and more representative legislative Council in preference to a "cumbersome Municipal Council with restricted responsibilities."

"The Municipal Council is better dead. We want a large and more representative Legislative Council. But during the period between the death of the Municipal Council and the reconstitution of the Legislative Council, we must make it clear that the present council, as it is now constituted, does not enjoy the confidence of the people."

"It does not enjoy our confidence because big business houses and financial groups appear to have a grip on it. It represents not the community at large but only big business. The grip must be loosened or we shall have failed a second time."

Mr. Loseby acknowledged that big business had done much for the Colony, and their leaders were among the most dominating personalities. They should of course be adequately represented on the legislative, but they should not be the only people.

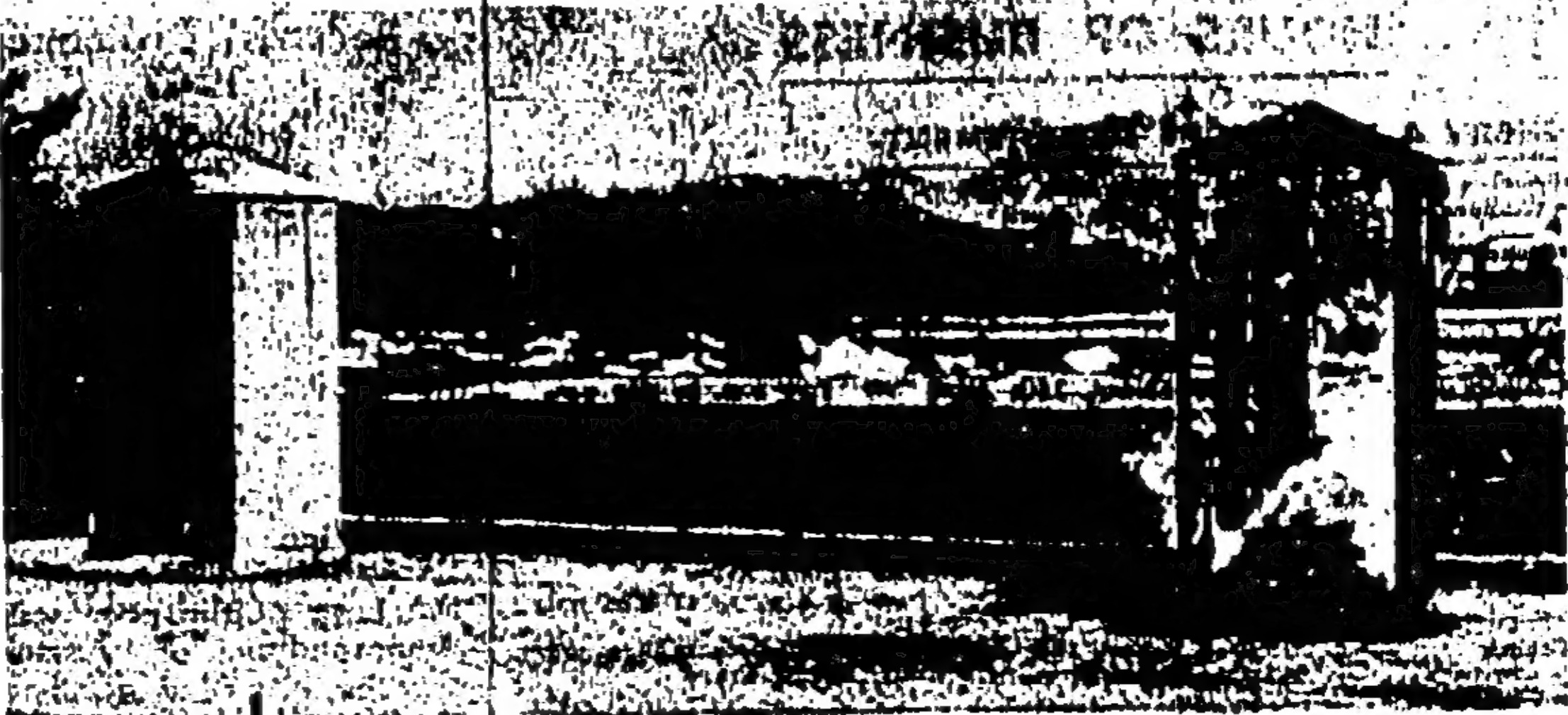
Representation Inadequate

As an instance of this inadequate representation, Mr. Loseby quoted the recent Budget where the interests of the landlords were put forward with feeling and admiration. The law of supply and demand should not be interfered with, it was stressed. But no one spoke for the other side.

If the little man was also represented and had his say, the black market in rent would have been clamped down. Key money would not have been legalised, and the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance would have been rewritten to remove its present ridiculous anomalies," said Mr. Loseby.

Before the meeting closed Mr. Skinner announced that the inaugural dinner of the Kowloon Branch would be held in the Green Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday next, April 21, at 7.30 p.m.

Fire Retardant Paint Tested



One wooden shack burned to the ground but the other, treated with Albi "R" Fire Retardant Paint, survived. The demonstration was carried out yesterday at North Point to show the fire retardant value of the paint.—"China Mail" Photo.

Local Chinese Want MacDougall To Stay

A petition for the retention of the services of Hong Kong's retiring Colonial Secretary, Mr. D. M. MacDougall, has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by local Chinese manufacturers.

This was announced last night at a dinner party given by the Chinese Manufacturers' Union in honour of 20 of the Union's delegates to the British Industries Fair.

Mr. Shum Choy-wah said that a reply from the Colonial Office has not yet been received. He also placed on record the appreciation of the manufacturers and assistance they had received through the Colonial Secretary in their efforts to build up the Colony's economy.

The delegation, headed by Mr. U. Tat-chee, Vice-Chairman of the Union and Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Committee of the BIF, will leave by the special BOAC Solent plane on Wednesday.

The dinner, held at the Tung Restaurant, was attended by a considerable number of Union members and friends. They included, in addition to Mr. K. Keat, Acting Director of the Department of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. W.P. Montgomery, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, Sir Man-kam Ho, Messrs. J.B. Kite, D.R. Arnott, Hagger, J.B. Kite, D.R. Arnott, J.W. Courteney, Robert Hart, C.T. Large, Mui Chuen, T.H. Hutchison and Tse Yee-chuen.

In his address, Mr. Shum Choy-wah said in part: "On behalf of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, I extend to Mr. U. Tat-chee and other representatives of local industries who are proceeding to the United Kingdom to visit the British Industries Fair, our best wishes."

"There is every reason to believe that you will profit considerably by this visit as on the one hand, there has been considerable progress in the scientific world during the past year. On the other, you are under the capable leadership of Mr. U. Tat-chee."

"You are more fortunate in having as your companion on your journey, Mr. Montgomery, the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong and Mr. Kite, Secretary of the General Chamber of Commerce."

"We had hoped to have with us this evening our Colonial Secretary, Mr. D.M. MacDougall, whose impending retirement was announced the other day."

"This announcement came as a very great shock to all sections of the Hong Kong community. Many of us felt so strongly on the subject that we have petitioned the Colonial Office for the retention of Mr. MacDougall."

"We have not heard yet whether our petition is to be granted. But I am sure that I speak for all of us when I say that we hope most fervently that the Secretary of State for the Colonies will use his discretion in our favour."

"However, in case we should be 'kicked' I wish to place on record, publicly, how much we

Fire Retardant Paint Tested

The fire retardant properties of the new Albi "R" paint were demonstrated to the public, by the Thoresen and Company, Limited, and the H. C. Patterson and Company at a reclamation opposite the Tramways Depot, North Point, yesterday.

Witnessed by more than 200 spectators and Mr. W. M. Smith, Mr. C. W. Brand and Mr. R. H. E. Brooks, officers of the Fire Brigade Department, two small wooden huts, specially built for the demonstration, were set on fire.

The hut coated with the paint did not burn while the unpainted hut was a totally destroyed.

Mr. J. C. M. Groum, addressing the audience before the demonstration, said that the Albi "R" paint was discovered in the laboratories of the Harvard University in America. The chemical exhaustively tested by world famous laboratories, fire officials, safety directors and building inspectors, and is giving positive fire protection to many large government projects, hotels, institutions and industrial plants.

The fire retardant coating was assigned for the application by spray and brush, to protect against combustible surfaces like wood, plywood, wallboards and fire insulation board.

Upon exposure to fire, the coating swells up to develop an insulating mat whose function is twofold: (1) It prevents the spread of fire beyond the point of origin (2) It considerably retards the penetration and transmission of heat to and through the coated surface.

To His Health

"Even though he is not with us tonight, I am asking you to raise your glasses and drink to his very good health and to the hoped for success of our petition."

"With the toast I could also our best wishes for a pleasant and we hope, a profitable visit of our delegation, under the leadership of Mr. U. Tat-chee, to the BIF."

Replying on behalf of the delegates, Mr. U. Tat-chee said: "This delegation appreciate the fact that we are your ambassadors, and realise that the success of our mission will be judged not only by the number of parties which we attend in London but will be more accurately gauged by the amount of business and goodwill gained for Hong Kong as a whole."

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East Point (Saturday, 16th April — Usual hours
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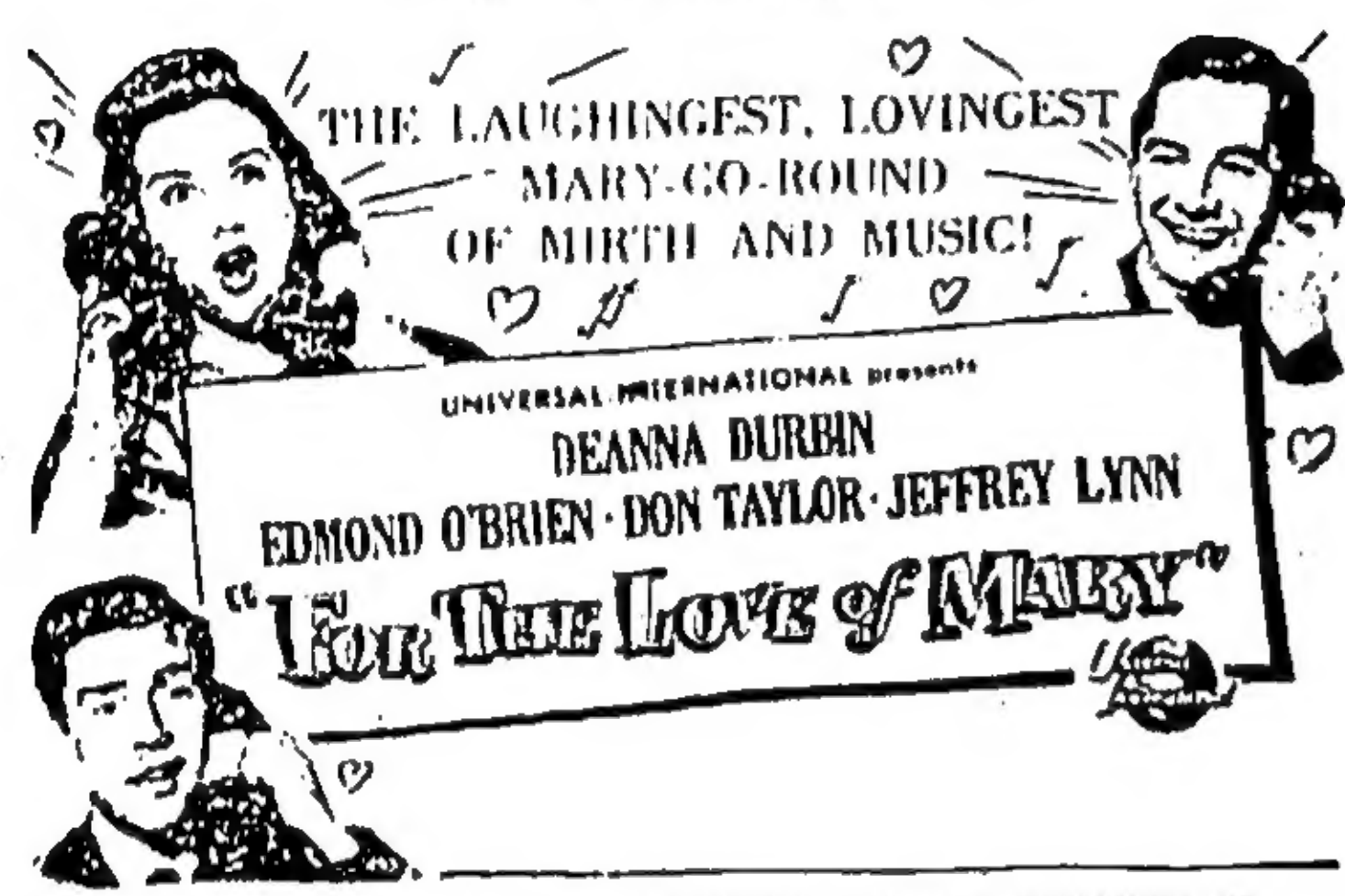
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That is the basis of Universal's "Man Eater of Kumaon," which comes this Sunday to the King's Theatre.

Based on Jim Corbett's Book-of-the-Month Club adventure story, the film takes the movie-goer deep into the Indian jungle and lets him witness a plot that must have occurred many a time whenever man and beast meet — the story of the hunter becoming the hunted.

Universal made in our opinion one mistake. It interrupted the smooth flow of the picture with a love angle which, although subdued, is nevertheless typically Hollywood. Let it be said, however, that this does not detract from the general enjoyment of the picture.

The performance of Wendell Corey as the hunter, who seeks peace for his inner self by braving the dangers of the wilderness, is sincere and accurate. He handles his part well and seems destined for bigger parts.

The conflict within himself to right his mistake and save something that one may call unselishness from dying an ignoble death in the breast of a career man, unfolds itself gently and with a tender warmth.

Joanne Page's sweet and unaffected acting blends well with the story and the rest of the cast which, unfortunately, includes Sabu as an Indian backwood boy. For that, we are sorry to say, Sabu looks too much the figure of the world's light-heavy weight champion to impress.

Washday Observer



Robert Mitchum doesn't want to help but he likes to watch as Loretta Young does her weekly wash, in this scene from RKO Radio's "Rachel and the Stranger," which co-stars the pair with William Holden.

And Along Came A
Handsome Stranger

The conflict between two frontiersmen over the wife of one is the basis of RKO's "Rachel and the Stranger," Easter attraction of the newly built Roxy Theatre.

It is an engaging story of pioneer life in the United States, when Ohio was a sparsely-settled wilderness, and men and women led a hard struggle for life and subsistence. It combines rugged drama, intriguing complications, and appealing touches of humour.

Starring Robert Mitchum, Loretta Young and William Holden, Dore Shary rushed the film's production because he hoped to cash in on the notoriety which flared up when Mitchum was arrested for smoking marijuana. "Rachel and the Stranger" did not lose by the rush. On the contrary, the picture is an enter-

taining comedy-drama that should please a wide range of moviegoers. There are parts which seem unreal, or, to choose a better word, unconventional. On the whole, however, the film flows with pleasing swiftness and smoothness, and the audience will notice little the weaker parts in the script which, to do justice, are very few.

Loretta Young, who can always be relied on to hand in a fine performance, does her part to make the film a success. Robert Mitchum, too, impresses as the crooning deep-woods hunter who is indecently polite, while William Holden turns in a skillful and engaging piece of acting.

Jericho's Walls
Stand On
Weak Ground

Not every acclaimed novel makes a good motion picture, because some books are either not suitable for screen adaptation, or are stripped of their intrinsic beauty in the director's attempt to picture the author's interpretation of his or her characters.

"The Walls of Jericho," a 20th Century Fox drama which comes to the Roxy next week, is one of those stories which should have been left in novel form.

Paul Wellman's best-seller is a provocative and probing story. It has all the ingredients of a fast-moving and tense drama, but fails to impress one as such on the screen, where the characters slug it out through tears and laughs until the inevitable end.

Cornel Wilde, as the small town county attorney is sincere enough in his role, although he strikes us at times as being too simple. Linda Darnell demonstrates once again that the part of a husky suits her to perfection; while Kirk Douglas hanks in a convincing performance which should lead him to bigger parts.

The bright light of the film is Anne Baxter's lovely handling of a part that calls for feeling and warmth. Miss Baxter is refreshingly charming and natural, and her court-room pleading for a child on trial for murder is an excellent piece of dramatic acting, not to mention her love scenes with Cornel Wilde.

There are moments when "The Walls of Jericho" achieves what it sets out to do — portray the emotions of small town people and their fight with a scheming and ambitious woman who spins her web cleverly only to find herself too deeply ensnared in it.

Again, there are moments when the film drifts along at a snail's pace, mainly because the film makers have tried too hard to follow the novel.

Solution To
A Love
Quadrangle

Deanna Durbin, the girl with the golden voice, comes to the screen at the Lee Theatre next week in Universal's "For the Love of Mary," and although Miss Durbin has long passed her peak, the film is a pleasant and enjoyable comedy.

Miss Durbin seems to have been stamped for roles just like the one in this film, in which she runs the gamut of mix-ups and mirthful complications under the highly unattractive but suggestive name of Miss Peppertree.

Whatever story there is in "For the Love of Mary" is of the usual boy-meet-girl variety, with another two fellows thrown in for good measure to make up the not-so-usual quadrangle. The producers of in this case, however, have been successful in making their picture amusing and easily digestible, and moviegoers are assured of 90 minutes of gay entertainment which won't tax too much their powers of thought.

Not forgotten should be Deanna Durbin's rendering of old-time favourites such as "Moonlight Bay," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," and "On the Wings of a Song."

Miss Durbin demonstrates again that her voice is still her greatest asset, and that a little less Hollywood glamour would help a lot in making her more likeable.



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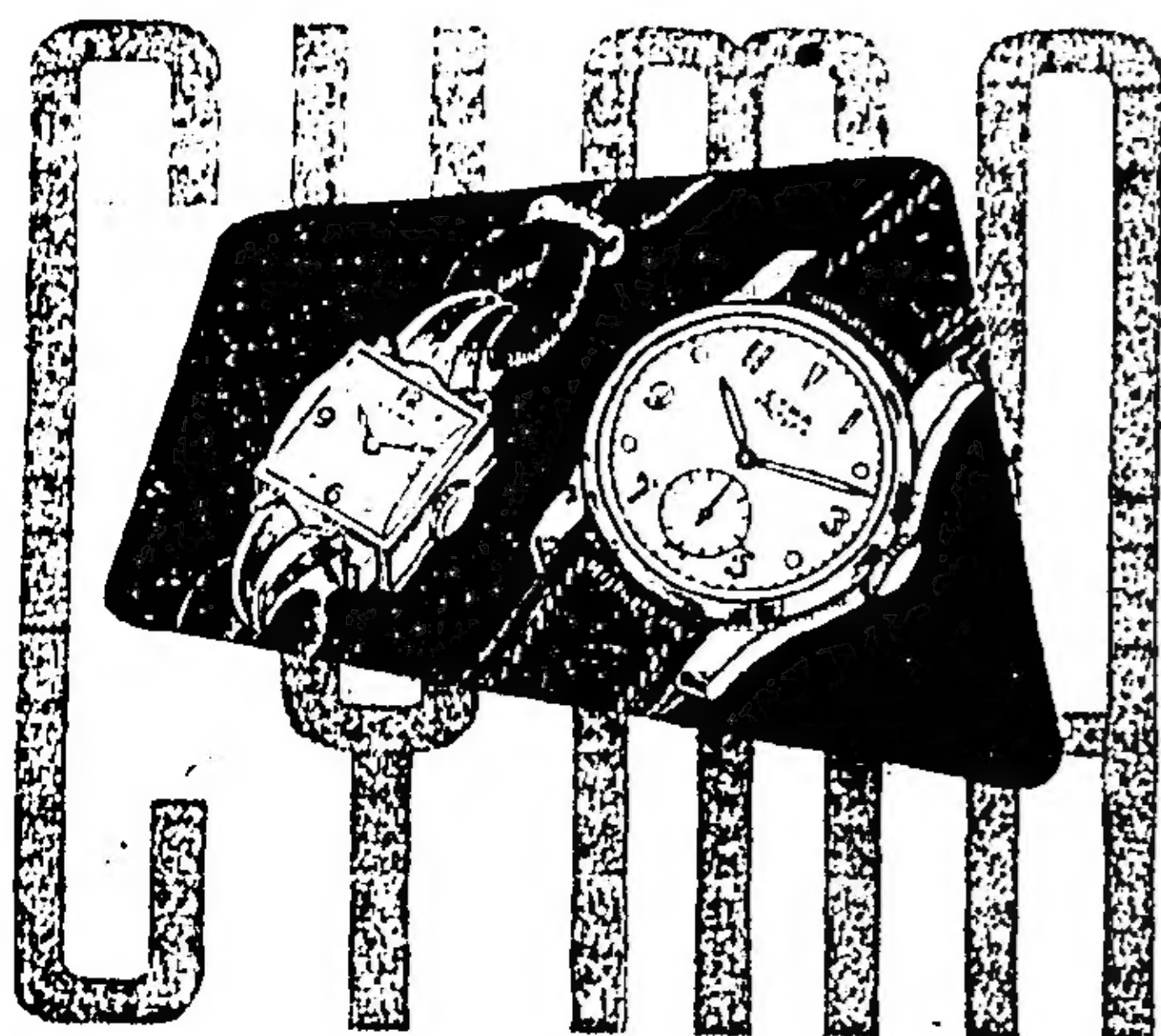
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Through Numbers (24 Races—\$48) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race of the second day, as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure, and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's office will close at 10 a.m. each day.

Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.
A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Club.

Bookmakers, Tio Tio men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Passes of such nature are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passage through the gates and must remain in the servants' hands.

BY ORDER
A. A. Sleep, Secretary.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

New York, Thursday.
The agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation was very young and earnest.

He said: "It's all part of the loyalty probe. Was the girl who worked for you a good American? Did she harbour subversive views? Did she read Karl Marx or talk about Communism in a favourable manner?"

I said: "What on earth is all this? It sounds a bit ridiculous." The very young F.B.I. man controlled his impatience. "It's simple enough. This office girl has applied for Government work and we are checking on her loyalty. I do this job all the time—hundreds of guys do it."

I said: "The girl was 100 per cent. red-blooded American. You could trust her with all the gold in Fort Knox."

The F.B.I. man thanked me and left. I felt like an associate G-man.

For the second time in a week the F.B.I. had called making inquiries about a pleasant brunette child who filed the "newspapers" here and bought stamps.

Some weeks ago she left to get a junior clerk's job in the Post Office. Now the check-up was coming in. It will probably go on some time.

Wide Probe

Today all over the United States loyalty probes are being carried out. Many of my friends have been asked to vouch for the loyalty and Americanism of their former employees.

The probe is persistent, painstaking, and nation-wide. All Government servants, even office cleaners, have to prove they are not Reds.

Most city employees have to show that they are stamped "Made in the U.S.A." Lately big business firms have adopted loyalty tests. Next the chain stores will follow, and then the small shops.

The U.S. is determined to show that it is not colour-blind, that it can recognise Red even if it appears as pale pink or dark pink or dark brown. This week the probe has become much sharper and more painful.

Since the week-end arrest of an American girl as an alleged spy, banner headlines have forecast a mass round-up of Red agents. The spy hunt is on, and many men look at their neighbours with suspicion.

Too Lax

Some unions and occasional rebellious employees are protesting against the grand investigation. Most are accepting it as necessary.

There is a widespread and intense feeling here that America has opened its doors too widely to "suspicious elements."

There is a conviction that the country has been far too lax, easy-going, and considerate with Left Wingers, fellow travellers, and Socialist bug-carriers.

Now all that is to end. The U.S. is cracking down, clearing house, and scrubbing floors in an outbreak of righteous energy. Occasionally the F.B.I. is letting its enthusiasm go to its head. Telephone wires are being tapped. Innocent and harmless Liberals are being questioned. I don't know where it will end. I doubt whether it will end. Russo-American relations are more strained just now than at any time since the closing of the Russian Consulates in the United States.

The Molotov-Vishinsky shift—prelude to the spy arrests here—has an upsurge of war talk, of tense new tests. The intellectual is suspect and college professors, always considered as slightly un-American, are being advised to trim their beards.

It is probably all very necessary, but it isn't the carefree, loose-mannered, wild-tongued New York I used to know. Police badges flash too often and the G-men's passes swing open too many doors.

The United Nations, often the butt for jokes here, is suffering most. Diplomatic immunity is due for a strong American kick in the face. Already the New York Daily News, America's most successful newspaper, has suggested editorially that it is a hole for spies, and millions of readers are inclined to agree.

At least the scares, the searches, and the attendant sensations are taking minds off the slump.

The average American, anxious for a \$250 cat and a \$2,500 house, is settling for a \$2,500 dollar spy hunt. He has to.

Former Nazi Diplomat, 18 Others Sentenced

Nuremberg, Germany, April 14.

A former top Nazi diplomat was sentenced to seven years in jail today as a U.S. tribunal began sentencing of 19 officials of Hitler's Government convicted of war crimes.

Baron Ernest von Weizsaecker, former envoy to the Vatican and high official of the Foreign Ministry, drew the seven-year term.

He was convicted in the last of the long series of war crimes trials by American courts. Charges on which he was sentenced were helping Hitler plot aggressive war against Czechoslovakia and participating in the campaign of atrocities against the Jews.

Two of the 21 defendants were acquitted by the court which last night finished a three-day reading of its 833-page opinion. One of the three American judges dissented from most of the convictions.

Judge Leon W. Powers of Des Moines, Iowa, complained in his dissent that the prosecution had failed to prove the defendants were personally to blame for the Nazi crimes.

The other two judges ruled that officials who signed criminal orders were just as responsible as the men who committed the actual murders and brutalities. The judges of the majority were William C. Christman and Robert T. Maguire.

The defendants, all high ministerial officials or diplomats in Hitler's Government, were called

WEDDINGS ANNOUNCED

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Mr. Andre Charles Henri Laure Jacques, bank accountant, of 2 Forfar Road, Kowloon, and Miss Ghislaine Isabelle Ubachs, of 5 Abernethy Court, May Road, Hong Kong; Mr. Stuart Temple, engineer, B.D.O. of Kowloon Naval Yard, and Mrs. Lilian Ellen Kershaw, of 236 Peninsula Hotel.

IF WAR COMES

AMERICA HAS TO WIN INSIDE THREE WEEKS

Washington, April 13.

If the United States fights Russia she must win the war in the first three weeks by dropping bombs on Russia from planes based in Western Europe.

This was stated today by Representative Clarence Cannon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Criticism House members who want to increase appropriations for naval aviation, Mr. Cannon said: "We must hit Moscow and every other city in Russia within one week after the next war starts and with land-based planes. With the signing of the Atlantic treaty we have the bases. All we need now is planes to deliver the bombs."

Mr. Cannon made the statement in opposition to a move to add \$300,000,000 to the pending \$16,000,000,000 military spending bill for the fiscal year 1950. He said the United States must be prepared in the next war to "equip soldiers of other nations and let them send their boys into the holocaust."

The extra \$300,000,000 is sought for additional naval aviation. Proponents of the move say that Mr. Cannon's committee "cut the heart out of the naval air force." Mr. Cannon bitterly attacked plans to add more money for the naval air force.

He argued that the Navy's proposed new 65,000-ton aircraft carrier would be "sunk in three days" if the Navy tried to manoeuvre it into a position where its medium-range bombers could deliver the atom bomb.

Maginot Navy

"And even if it got over there it couldn't possibly do the work of long-range land-based bombers," he added.

He compared the Navy in the atomic era to the Maginot Line erected by France prior to World War II. He said the Navy had its place in a future war but its place was to hold its own lines of communication. He said that the Army also had its job, but only the Air Force could deliver the atom bomb to Moscow.

"Let us be prepared to use this weapon and then supplement it with the Army and Navy." Representative Dewey Short, ranking Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee, agreed that the atom bomb and the long-range B-36 bombers are vital, but he concluded: "The atom bomb alone will never win any war."

"The next war must be won in the first three weeks," said Mr. Cannon. "We must in that time pulverise every military defence in Russia."

If War Comes

He said that if there is war with Russia, the Soviet forces would control all of Europe within 60 days. He added that the United States Air Force must strike its devastating blows before 60 days had elapsed.

Mr. Cannon urged the House to "put money where it counts—in long-range land-based bombs."

bers. He said Russia has a minimum of 15,000 planes. "Any carrier in waters contiguous to Europe wouldn't have a chance," he added.

He said the backbone of the Navy in this atomic age is the submarine, not the battleship or the carrier.

"Control of the seas is now secondary to control of the air," shouted Mr. Cannon. "The situation is so apparent that there should be no question about it."

—United Press.

Agreement In Tenancy Case

A seven-storey office building with 35 office rooms will probably be erected at the present site of 18 and 18A Ice House Street after the demolition of the present old building, following the recommendation of Mr. Charles Losby, Tenancy Magistrate, to the Governor-in-Council for an exemption from the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance in order to do so.

This was a result of the tenancy dispute in connection with Room 1 ground floor of 18 Ice House Street, and 18A Ice House Street. At a previous hearing, the applicant, the Local Printing Press, applied for an order from the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance and the subsequent eviction of L. E. Basto, proprietor of Lebasco Construction Company to erect the structure.

Yesterday however, Mr. H. O. Armstrong, who represented the applicant, announced that during the period between the two hearings, negotiations had been going on between the two parties, and that a mutual settlement had been reached.

Theatre Firm Reports Profit

A net profit of HK\$476,047 for 1948 was reported at the 15th annual general meeting of China Entertainment & Land Investment Company Limited (owners of King's Theatre and King's Theatre Building) held at the Company's office yesterday.

At a subsequent extraordinary general meeting, the capitalisation of HK\$908,380 by the issue of one fully paid-up share for each existing share held by shareholders was approved.

Revaluation of the Company's land from HK\$380 to HK\$145 a square foot.

Sir Shouson Chow, the Chairman of Directors, revealed that the King's Theatre is to try to arrange the showing of more educational and scientific films.

Pamphlet Propaganda Proposal

Washington, April 13. Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican, Vermont) suggested today that the United States send guided missiles over the Soviet Union to shower down handbills and peace pamphlets to the Russian people.

In a Senate speech, he said that the United States should launch a political offensive to let the Russian people know why it is that the rest of the world fears Russia and arms against it.

Radio broadcasts reach only a small percentage of the Russians, he continued. —Reuter.

LECTURE POSTPONED

The seventh in the series of lectures by the Reverend Father T. F. Ryan, under the auspices of the British Council will be postponed from Monday April 18 to Monday April 25.

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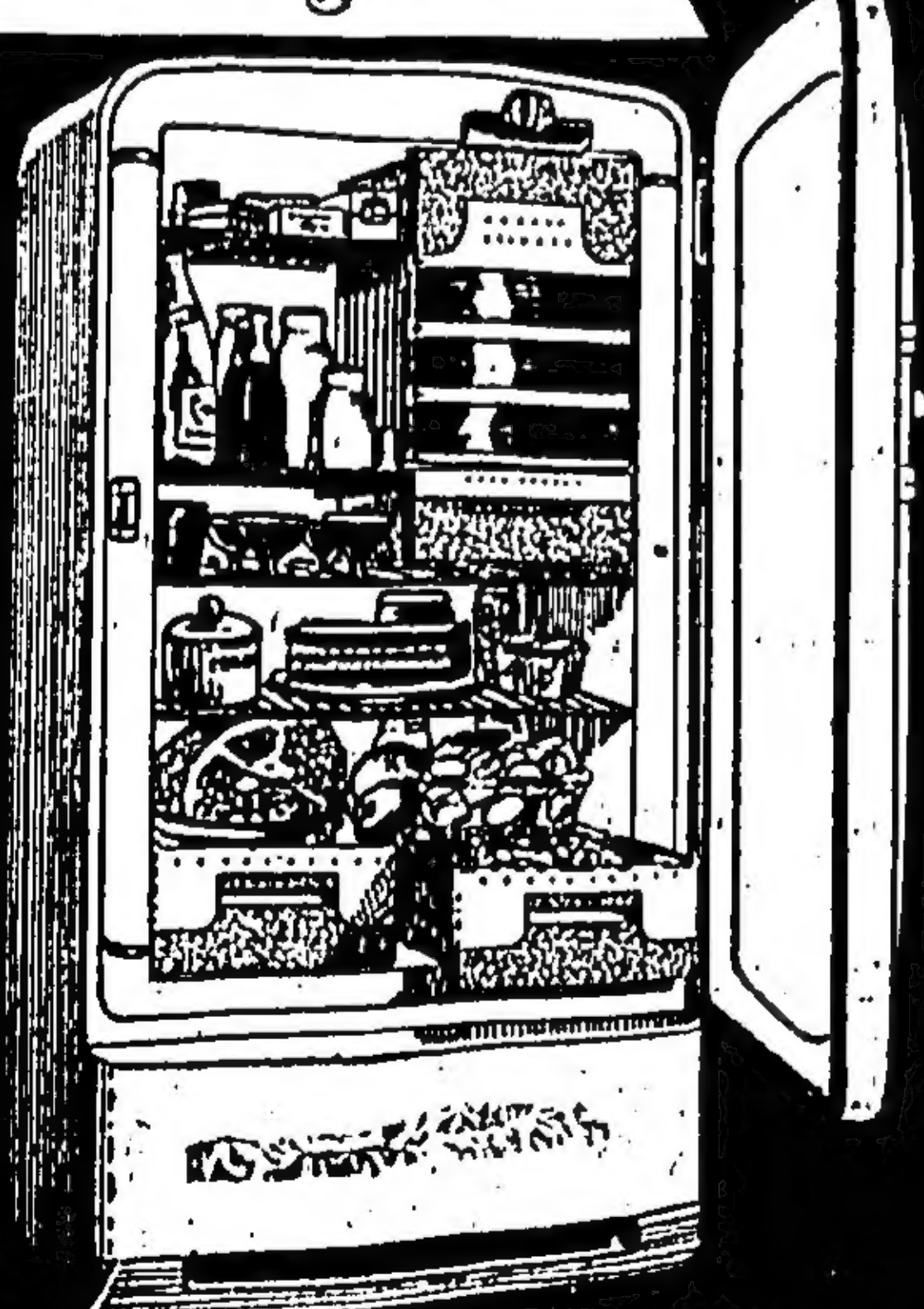
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BIRTH

KIERNAN—to Olga and Bill on
Thursday, the 14th April,
1949, at the Kowloon Hospital,
the gift of a son.

IMPROVED
GOVERNMENT

It is difficult to gauge the
extent of public interest in
the proposals for govern-
ment reform in Hong Kong,
but there is no doubt that
some citizens—most vocally
represented by the Reform
Club—are taking up the
matter with commendable
enthusiasm.

Yesterday and today, our
indefatigable correspondents
"W" and Charles Loseby pro-
pounded their own views on
the subject, and their com-
ments should at least give
their contemporaries to think.
It is, indeed, most essential
that citizens examine all
aspects of this matter with
concentration and care. One of
these days the bill for a
Municipal Council will be
announced, and it is impor-
tant that the public be pre-
pared to express their
opinions on it.

"W" queried the Gov-
ernor's recorded remarks
that any proposal which has
the backing of the Unofficial
Members will receive the
fullest consideration. In
point of fact, there can be no
doubt that an alternative
scheme put forward by any
representative body of people
would be given just as much
attention as one sponsored by
an Unofficial Member. What
is wanted is the honest view-
points of the potential vot-
ers.

Mr. Loseby probably voices
the opinion of a large sec-
tion of the community when
he repeats his claim that the
Municipal Council scheme
should be scrapped, and that
instead the existing Legisla-
tive Council should be re-
vitalised and made "demo-
cratic." He admires those
representatives of important
business interests, Mr. Morse
and Mr. Landale, for coming
out with similar suggestions.
Such a move would, of
course, incur another pro-
tracted delay, but as we have
already waited a century, a
few more months would be
well spent if it resulted in
the formation of something
really worth while.

The assertion by Mr.
Loseby that the present legis-
lature does not enjoy the
confidence of the public gen-
erally because they represent
only vested interests may
well be true, and whatever
scheme is eventually adopt-
ed, it is obviously imperative
that the unofficals must be
popularly elected. It might
well be that the big business
houses could be granted re-
presentation, but the prime
objective is to give the man
in the street a say in the
conduct of his own affairs.

But just what form popu-
lar representation should
take is another matter. It is
obvious that if a proportion-
ate system were adopted, the
Chinese element would over-
whelmingly predominate.
This would be good or bad,
depending on your point of
view, but it would certainly
spell the end, in time, of British
rule of Hong Kong. Apart
from that, some degree of
permanence and stability
would have to be demanded
for a person to qualify as a
voter.

A view which is gaining
ground is that each section
of the community, somehow,
should be individually repre-
sented—business, the profes-

It was not until May 1915
that I managed to shed Sir John
French's cronies and join the
staff of Lieut.-General Sir
Charles Munro, commanding the
First Corps in the Bethune
sector.

An army corps headquarters
was closer to the front lines than
the Supreme Headquarters, but,
as I complained to my father, it
still fell short of a young soldier's
ideal.

May 19, 1915.
As regards myself it's
always office work of various
kinds, and I never see anything
or go near the front....

I feel that in later years I
shall ever regret the fact that
I was out so long in North France
and yet saw practically nothing
of the fighting or got any pro-
per idea of what our troops had
to go through.

I shall have to remember the
war by the various towns and
places far back which were
headquarters of generals. I was
attached to, of course, etc. But
I have said enough....

Kept On Ice

Now, I have never been much
of a philosopher, and perhaps on
that account I was a long time
in identifying the true nature of my
frustration.

The original reason why I was
not allowed to fight—that I might
be captured and thus provide the
enemy with a valuable hostage—
had by this time ceased to have
validity.



AFTER THE WAR was over my public duties as Prince of Wales increased and my visits
to the slums began to open my eyes to social problems.

Manifestly I was being kept, not
to speak, on ice, against the day
that death would claim my good
father.

But in the midst of all the
slaughter of the Western Front,
I found it hard to reconcile myself
to this unique disposition.

My generation had a rendezvous
with history, and my whole being
insisted that I share the common
destiny whatever it might be.

At Loos

During this period I had
been in the practice of slipping
up to the front lines on my own,
visiting my friends in the various
Guards regiments, and snatching
quick glimpses of the war.

But these surreptitious visits
proved unnecessary after Septem-
ber 1915, when I was appointed
to the staff of Major-General
(later Field-Marshal) Lord Cavan,
commanding the newly formed
Guards Division.

Frederick Rudolph Lambert,
tenth Earl of Cavan—or "Fatty"—
was a Grenadier of my father's gen-
eration, a gentle man in the best
sense of the word, deeply proud
of having fulfilled the two ambi-
tions of his life, commanding the
1st Battalion of his regiment, and
being Master of the Hertfordshire
Hounds.

I joined the Guards Division
in the midst of the preparations
for the famous battle for the high
ground beyond Loos.

And even this modest position
close to the battlefield was almost
lost to me by an unfortunate
accident.

During the battle when my
driver was killed by a burst of

sions, etc., and each of the
main racial groups.

We cannot expect complete
self-government, but we can
expect a fair measure of con-
trol over our administration
if we make our voice heard.
Let there be no mistake
about it: our opinions will
be most carefully studied in
London when the time
comes.

THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

By H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

Wartime Weariness

shrapnel over the car. Sir John
French, peremptorily, ordered me
back to headquarters.

Only after I had assured him
that I was not in the car when
the shell struck, but had, in fact,
left it some minutes before, did
he rescind the order.

In Confusion

At one stage during the battle
I had the job of directing traffic
at a crossroads in a forgotten
village just behind the front.

Amidst the confusion, I watched
two green divisions go past
during the night, clanking and
sloshing in the rain.

Next day these two divisions
broke under murderous German
fire and streamed back in con-
fusion, throwing away their rifles
and greatcoats.

Then up came the Guards, in
one of the finest exhibitions of
discipline ever seen on any battle-
field.

Topping the flaming ridge,
company by company, in ex-
tended order rifles slung, they
moved into the attack down the
shrapnel-raked hill before Loos
as unconcerned as if on training
manoeuvres at Pirbright.

My Friends

In December General Sir
Douglas Haig succeeded Sir John
French as Commander-in-Chief of
the British forces.

Whether this cold and high-
minded Scot became too absorbed
in his strategic planning to worry
over the safety of a more Prince,
or whether it was because of my
continuous "needling," I shall

never know, but thereafter, except
for a hard-and-fast directive that
I was under no circumstances to
rejoin the Grenadiers as a com-
bat officer, the policing of my
movements in the forward areas
was relaxed.

I was happy with the Guards—
as happy, anyway, as it was pos-
sible to be in war. Many of the
young officers were my friends. I
knew them from the children's
parties at Marlborough House, or
from Oxford, the Bath Club, and
West End parties.

As I wrote my father:—
"I am, very pleased to
join this magnificent Div.
where are all my friends and
what is more, the friends of
my friends at home. You know
what I mean!"

The Guards Division was a
great club, and if tinged with
snobishness, it was the snobish-
ness of tradition, discipline, per-
fection, and sacrifice.

We—I feel that I was one of
them—were the shock troops of
the British Army; our prestige
was purchased in blood.

Clearly, the well-established
traditions of the story-book
prince would require me to write
at this point: It was on the
Fiers-Lesbois road; the com-

pany on my left had fallen back,
exposing our left flank, a nasty
business! I myself was wounded!
But seizing the hunting horn
which I always kept strapped to
my belt, I blew a blast which
rallied my men and... But alas,
nothing so dramatic ever happened
to me.

Yet even an insignificant staff
officer can have his memorias. I
was in Egypt in 1913; on the
Somme (once more under Lord
Cavan who had meanwhile been
given command of the XIVth
Corps) all through the infamous
1916-17 winter, and through Pass-
chendaele, then in Italy for the
last year of the war.

I saw the routed Italian Second
Army streaming back from
Caporetto, and at Treviso, stand-
ing near Lord Cavan, I listened
with fascination as General
Cadorna cursed Socialism as the
force which had rotted his army.

My first flight in an airplane
was over the lines near Ypres.
And in an observation post atop
the rubble of Langemarck Church
I had my closest call, being
suddenly bracketed early one quiet
morning by two near misses and
diving to safety as the third hit
my plain.

It Taught Me

In a field near the Houthulst
Forest I crouched for an hour
with the Welsh Guards whilst a
French battery shelled us enthu-
siastically in the belief that we
were the enemy—a misunder-
standing which was happily
removed over a fine dinner at

heavy, cumbersome machine,
which was tough to trundle
through the mud.

But on it I pedalled hundreds,
even thousands, of miles collect-
ing material for reports, inspect-
ing camps, and meeting thousands
of people.

My brother officers laughed at
me for preferring this hard way
of getting around, but they missed
the point. Just as had my first
bicycle at Sandringham, my Army
bicycle opened up for me an un-
expected new world.

Even now, after three decades,
I still meet men who will sud-
denly say: "The last time I saw
you, you were on your bicycle on
the road to Popperinghe," or Mon-
tauban, or any one of a hundred
French villages.

I am amazed when I hear the
young veterans of this last war
talk so casually about global war,
with its whirlwind sweeps and
rushes across oceans and con-
tinents.

The war which my generation
fought, and in which more than
1,000,000 Britishers perished, was
a different proposition—a relent-
less slugging match, contested
with savagery and in animal-like
congestion.

Over 1,000 British fell the
first day on the Somme; the
slaughter went on at Arras and
Passchendaele.

I have only to close my eyes
to see once more those awful
charred battlefields; miles and
miles of duckboards winding
across a sea of mud; columns
of heavily laden men trudging
up to the front; columns of
men trudging back, their vitality
gone, their eyes dead.

I remember the blood-stained
shreds of khaki and tannin; the
ground grey with corpses; mired
horses struggling as they drowned
in shellholes.

My being a staff officer did not
make me immune to the combat
soldier's fatalism. On the Somme
in 1916, watching the Guards
move up to the attack, I had
burned with desire to be with
them:—

"Oh! to be fighting with those
grand fellows and not sitting
here doing so little as I am
compared to them who are sacrific-
ing their lives! There could be
no finer death—and if one was
spared, how proud one would feel
to have been through it...."

But after seeing the great
offensives begin with optimism
and valour, then fizzle out into
nothingness from sheer loss of
life and human exhaustion, I in
time shared the weariness and
cynicism of the front line.

By Passchendaele, a year later,
the general disillusionment, the
endless repeated scenes of
carnage—not to mention several
narrow escapes of my own—had
done their work.

"Dear Papa,

A big push is on toward the
Steenbeek River and Lange-
marck village.... What the
ground must be like tonight I
shudder to think, and we have
completely obliterated all roads
West of Ploeghem by shell fire....

"I'm writing this in the office
as I'm on watch, or night-duty,
as they call it, and it's very cold
and damp, and still pouring in
sheets, the rain making a de-
pressing 'pattering' noise on the
tin roof of the hut!"

The telephone is ringing
fairly often, so I don't suppose
I shall get much sleep tonight....
But how thankful I am to
think I am not living forward
tonight and am sitting back here!

in combat, one does appreciate
their combat when one has been
forward and seen what it's like
in the line now! The nearest
thing possible to hell, whatever
that is!"

Armistice Day found me a
major attached to the Canadian
Corps at Mons, where the British
Forces had met their initial re-
verse in 1914. My mind had al-
ready begun to turn to other
matters:

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How about a few castled
battlements along the new Great
Wall in Nathan Road? Not only
would it increase the aesthetic
beauty of this monumental work,
but on these special security
manoeuvres days, the dauntless
(who have been screened) could
then parade up and down the
parapet peering about for adver-
sive types like hotel residents.

Can't Mandrake whisper "Queer
Ed—" to those Unofficials of ours?

So now we hear that 700 repre-
sentatives of 34 countries are
meeting for "top secret" trade
talks.

To think our grandmothers used
to say that even three men could
keep a secret only if two of them
were dead....

Pounds taken to British are
liable to be impounded.

That Swiss bear toast, "I give
you the foam" should find favour
with our local Caledonians.

If you don't like "Smokies" for
breakfast (see advt.) stick to
"bucles" and "eggs" and "cas-
sies."

Strange luminous objects are
reported shooting at high speed
across the U.S. skies. Probably
just the world's biggest long-range
fireflies.

When you see saucers you are
liable to be in your cups.

Soviet cracks down on live.
True Reds renounce the punks.
And tangoes are taboo.
Such forms of fascist buntings
Good party men eschew.

Joe Stalin loves not litterbugs.
Nor, when he hears, do you!
A cautious snide always will
Such wrongdoings be wary, at
Low terepichon tricks while

Become the proletarian....
Let decadent democracies
Adore such dervish cults.
In figure walls and polks, free
The Leninite exalts.
For should his feet forgetful
stray

To foreign steps inferior.
They'll lead him very far away
To somewhere in Siberia!

Actor wants to be pilot. To go
from mummifying to humming?

When Count Sforza mentions
"Abyssinia," it always sounds like
"goodbye" to the Eshlepian—the
way he says it.

The amount these Shanghai
suckers sink in "Fairplay" is
certainly fantastic....

What warlord who has hollered
"Mayday" so often is apt looking
forward to this one!

DRASTIC RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON INDUSTRY IN GERMANY

Washington, April 14.

The United States, Britain and France yesterday rounded out their plans to revive Western Germany by lifting or relaxing restrictions on shipbuilding and numerous other industries.

Ignoring Soviet Russia, the three Western powers ruled at the same time that 159 plants previously marked for removal from the country as reparations shall be retained to add to Germany's productive capacity.

The announced purposes are: 1—To speed the day when the 45,000,000 Germans in the Western occupation zones will be self-supporting, and

2—To enable them to contribute more to the general European recovery.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, followed up the announcement with assurances that the proposed new German Government will have considerable latitude in business and other dealings abroad.

He issued a statement saying the proposed new Government will have power to operate its own foreign policies and foreign trade subject only to a veto in specific instances.

Yesterday's announcement on industry and reparations removals resulted from the general agreement on post-war Germany reached here last week by Mr. Acheson and the British and French Foreign Ministers. The overall settlement also included the offer of limited self-government and the proposed shift of the Western zones from military to civilian control.

Still Banned

Under the terms of a detailed agreement announced here and by the military governors at Frankfurt, the Western Germans were told they may now resume production under varying restrictions—in those previously prohibited major industries: aluminum, ball bearings, shipbuilding, light machine tools, synthetic ammonia, heavy tractors, vanadium, important as a steel alloy, and commercial radio transmitting equipment.

Remaining under the Allied ban aimed at keeping Germany disarmed are the production of arms, ammunition and implements of war, synthetic petrol and oil, synthetic rubber, magnesium and radio-active materials.

The removal of 159 plants from the reparations list was disclosed in a separate announcement by the State Department and Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administrator. It was accompanied by publication of the report of an ECA Committee headed by Dr. George M. Humphrey, Cleveland industrialist, which recently surveyed German industry.

Steel Plants

The plants to be retained include 32 in the steel industry, 88 wood working plants, 32 chemical plants and seven in the non-ferrous metal industry. Five produce crude steel and will increase the nominal steel making capacity of Western Germany by 105,000 tons beyond the present overall capacity of 13,300,000 tons a year. The limitation on actual production in any year remains unchanged, however, at 11,100,000.

By their latest move, the Western Allies set aside some of the position that there was no alternative in view of Soviet Russia's continuing refusal to go along with post-war efforts of the three Western Allies to treat Germany as an economic whole.

ATOMIC BOMBING FROM UK

New York, April 13. Technical facilities for the United States Air Force to carry out atomic bombardment have been prepared in Britain, the London correspondent of the "New York Times" said today. These facilities exist as part of an integrated Anglo-American plan for co-operation in Western European defence, he claimed.

"It can be taken for granted that the United States has not stored atomic bombs in Britain, and she has not divulged atomic secrets to any foreign Government," the correspondent added. "European experts say that if war were to break out in Europe tomorrow, the American Air Force could move into action in a matter of hours, conspicuously assisted in reaching its targets by the facilities the British Government has put at its disposal," the correspondent added. —Reuter.

Silver Dollars For China

Shanghai, April 14.

Four million Australian silver dollars and some 250,000 ounces of gold bullion arrived here yesterday to bolster Nationalist China's backing for the inflated Gold Yuan currency.

The Australian dollars will be melted down for the coining of Chinese dollars, according to Chinese press reports which said that they were contracted by the Central Bank of China from the Australian Government before the war.

The imported silver dollars are said to have a fineness superior to that of the Chinese coin.

The gold bullion, from America, is part of the purchase made by the Chinese Government from the United States. —Reuter.

COMPROMISE AID BILL READY FOR APPROVAL

Washington, April 14.

Congress is expected to give final approval today—12 days after the target date—to the compromise bill authorising U.S.\$5,430,000,000 for the European Recovery Programme during the next 15 months.

AKABA FORCE TO REMAIN

London, April 13.

A Government spokesman today said the British force at the Transjordan ports of Akaba will remain there at the present strength as long as the situation requires.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Foreign Office Under-Secretary, said in answer to questioners in the House of Commons that he could not agree that withdrawal of the British Akaba garrison could contribute to the general Palestine peace settlement at the present time.

"I think their presence there has been helpful and I do not think the present situation calls for any change," he said. —United Press.

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MIXED REACTIONS TO PLANS FOR NATIONALISATION

London, April 13.

Trade union support for Labour's new nationalisation proposals, announced in the party's draft programme for next year's general election, seem assured, but not without much further discussion and bargaining in the Labour Movement.

The first reactions in trade union quarters are far from unanimous. In some cases the new Labour programme does not go as far with nationalisation as some unions desire. In the case of insurance, it goes further than they contemplated.

The discussions will try to bring the varying schools of thought into agreement and the annual Trades Union Congress in September will show how far the dissidents have been able to win support for more radical measures than those now proposed.

The first meeting in April 22 will be between members of the Labour Party Executive and leaders of the National Federation of Insurance Workers, which claims 42,000 employees in insurance companies due for State control.

The Federation opposed nationalisation until January when, at a special conference, it adopted a non-committal attitude, until the Labour Party defined its proposals. After meeting Labour leaders and getting more details of their intentions, the Federation will call a conference next month to decide its attitude.

The National Amalgamated Union of Insurance Workers are employees of the Co-operative Insurance Society. These workers, numbering 11,000, favour nationalisation.

Trade unions in the chemical industry are equally divided. Less than a third of the 200,000 workers in the industry are in unions and they are split between the Transport and General Workers and the Municipal and General Workers Unions and the smaller Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers and Chemical Workers Union.

Shipbuilding

The two big general unions oppose immediate nationalisation, the two smaller unions support it.

The Labour Party's decision to hold its hand on the nationalisation of shipbuilding also falls short of the attitude of trade unionists in the industry. The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions wants nationalisation, not simply of shipbuilding but of all "marine industries."

A spokesman said today that he expects an early meeting to consider representations to the Labour Party Executive.

The nationalisation of sugar manufacture and refining, of cement and of water undertakings, appears to have solid union support.

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PACIFIC GROUPING PROPOSED

New York, April 13.

An American expert on Pacific affairs believes the United States should encourage regional groupings in the Pacific area and South East Asia.

This should be done in addition to utilizing the United Nations as a bulwark to dependent peoples and to those just emerging from a status of dependency, he says.

The recommendation was made by Rupert Emerson, professor of government at Harvard University. Professor Emerson served several years in the United States Department of Interior as a specialist on American territories and island possessions.

Professor Emerson concedes that there is some danger of Pacific groupings turning into new imperial alliances remote from indigenous control. He added, however:

"There is a real possibility that if they are intelligently developed they may serve as highly useful centres of mutual stimulation and information and perhaps even come to be the nuclear centres for joint administration of matters relating to several separate jurisdictions."

"The real measure of statesmanship on the part of the United States will be so to shape its policies and guide its actions as to make it inescapably evident that it is not acting in hostility to the Soviet Union and that it seeks co-operation wherever co-operation can be secured."

"The reputation in the Pacific of opposition between the United States and the Soviet Union which has developed elsewhere would be a tragic portent of evil things to come, but the need for securing some degree of unity in a divided world may force action even though the Soviet Union stands suspiciously aloof," United Press.

TAX CHANGES ALL PASSED

London, April 13.

All changes in Britain's national finance proposed under the Budget of Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, were approved individually by the House of Commons today.

Under a reformed procedure introduced last year, there was no discussion, and most of them passed without challenge. The first proposal to be challenged, by the Liberals, was the one reducing the Excise Duty on beer by a penny a pint, but it was approved by 369 votes to 13.

The proposal to raise the price of a box of matches by a half-penny was carried, against Conservative opposition, by 277 votes to 157.—Reuter.

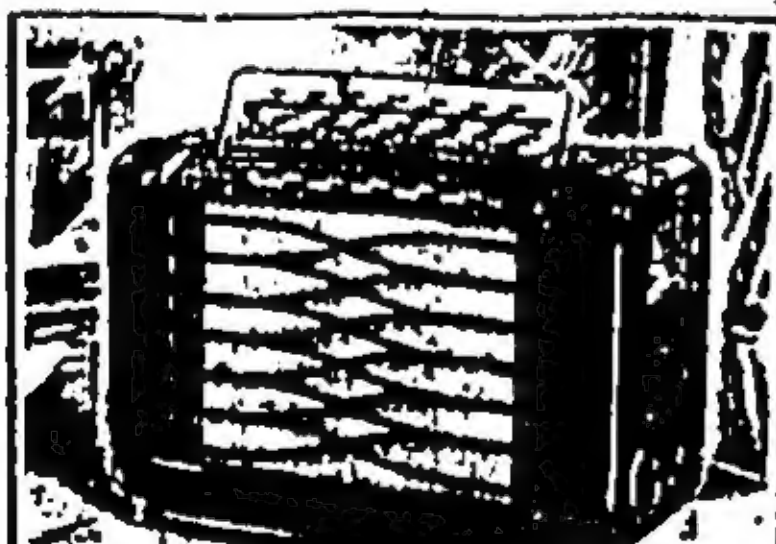
FRAUD RING IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, April 14.

An American was among five members of an international fraud and extortion ring given short prison sentences for attempting to extort US\$50,000 from a Belgian priest last February.

He is Jimmy Goodheim. Goodheim was sentenced to two months. Other members of the gang drew sentences ranging up to 18 months.—Associated Press.

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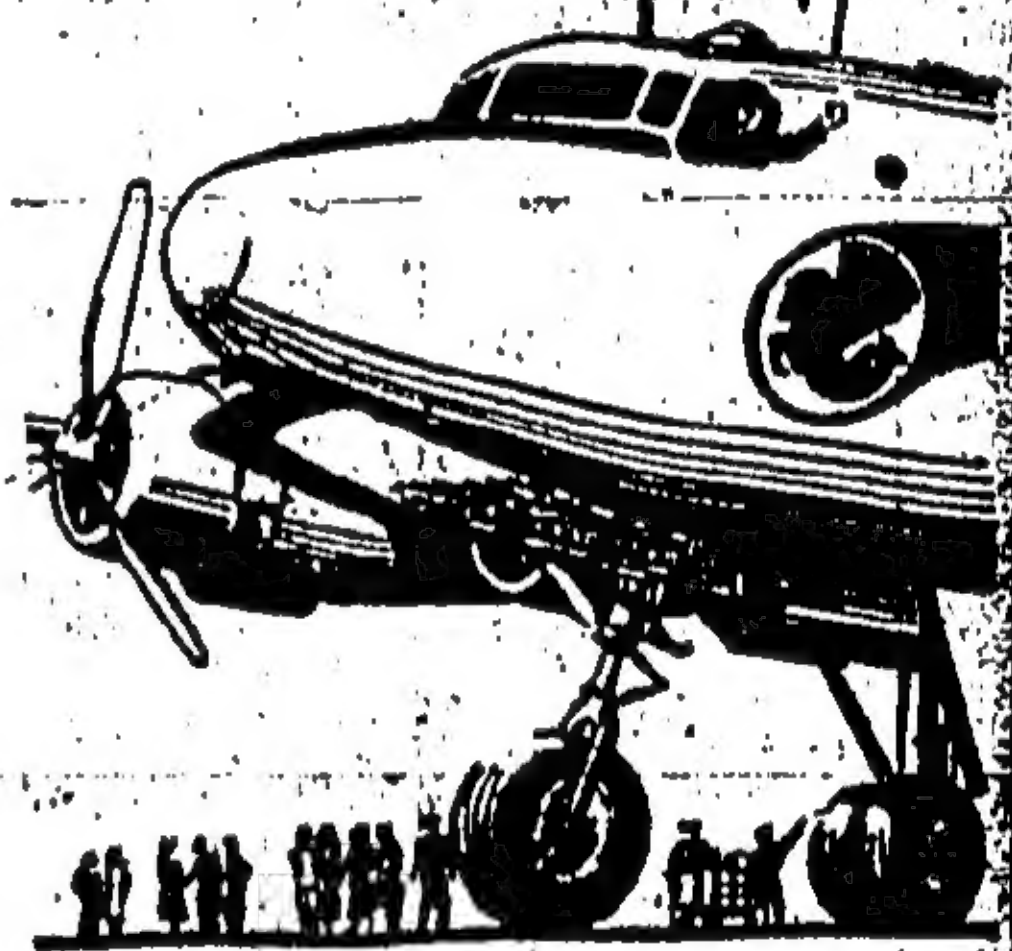
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SOMETHING NEW IN THE FIELD OF SMALL CARS

Amongst the record number of visitors to the Earls Court motor exhibition were many who felt that the new Morris Minor stole the show. It certainly aroused tremendous interest, and while the present trend among rival manufacturers is towards increased engine sizes, there yet remains a big field for a really good and modern small car which is still an "eight."

The test report on this important 1949 model must be regarded as very much of a composite affair—not merely in that it represents the agreed views of several drivers, but also because it is based on big mileage totals, considerably more than a thousand in two distinct cars.

Everyone who drove either of the cars agreed that the Minor is a very good 8 h.p. car indeed.

There can be no pretence that it approaches perfection, but it is a car which pleases both driver and passengers, and which will almost exactly fulfil the requirements of tens of thousands of motorists abroad—there has been nothing like it offered in the economy car class previously.

The performance figures are so exceptionally good, especially in regard to the combination of rapid acceleration through the gears with notable economy, that there is no doubt that they will be regarded with suspicion in certain quarters.

It is only by the smallest of margins that the Morris Minor fails to be the most economical post-war car tested.

Its figures have only been bettered, however, by slower and smaller cars which, meritorious though they were, attained low weight through very sparse furnishing.

A consumption of 61 m.p.g. at 20 m.p.h. represents the extreme of dawdling, but 50 m.p.g. can certainly be obtained by the gentle driver.

Even the less economical of the two test cars which was frankly "off colour" could not quite be dragged down to 40 m.p.g., covering 508 miles of performance testing and really hasty travel at an average of 40.5 m.p.g.

Reasonably high gear ratios contribute to the economy of running which this car features, and also make for very effortless fast cruising on open roads.

It is usual to settle down to a steady 50 m.p.h., which speed leaves a pleasant reserve of power for hill-climbing, but if more speed is used and long distances are covered at more than 40 m.p.h. averages the car does not protest or hint that it is being over-driven.

Gears To Be Used

On the debit side, the high axle ratio gives top-gear acceleration of only moderate briskness.

A brief experience of the car might suggest that this lack of "snap" in the highest gear was a major disadvantage, but experience proves that it is not so—because plenty of extra punch is so willingly on call if the gearbox is used, and because a compact, well sprung and very controllable car is surprisingly seldom slowed by road conditions.

The engine is not entirely silent, but such noise as it makes can fairly be described as a contented hum. The gearbox, however, is entirely silent, as judged from inside the car, even at third-gear speeds approaching 50 m.p.h.

Indirect ratios have apparently been well chosen except for the lazy driver, who is not encouraged to start from rest in second gear; the gear change is pleasantly smooth and requires little effort, although we felt that a rather longer lever would have been more convenient.

Qualities going to make up roadworthiness are the really striking characteristics of the Minor.

It is easy to excuse suspension shortcomings on a small car as resulting from small dimensions—the Minor certainly is small in overall dimensions, but it nevertheless contrives to offer a magnificently level ride, the springs tending slightly towards firmness but yet giving really effective shock insulation at high speeds or low.

Exceptional Stability

Comfort has been allied to very remarkable safe handling characteristics.

On the straight there is complete stability, yet there is also quick response to the steering on corners; brisk negotiation of a cross-roads roundabout is simply a matter of right-wrist movement, with no need to use two hands on the wheel.

While it would not be accurate to say that there is no roll on corners, the amount is astonishingly small, even if the car is pushed to the limit—a limit at which many sports models would have to give best to this little touring car.

Perhaps the most sensitive tests of riding qualities are for a passenger to write and sleep in the car.

By the former test, the Minor is a fraction too firmly sprung to score the highest marks, but by the latter test it gained a very high rating even while covering an astonishing distance within an hour.



The Morris Minor, newcomer into the field of small cars, is achieving great popularity among motorists.

The Cooper Changeling

Having founded their fortunes on 1/2-litre racing, a field in which the aspirant is constantly haunted by the spectre of excess weight, it is not surprising that the Cooper Car Co., Ltd. should have brought a well-developed sense of power-weight values to the construction of a two-seater sports car.

In general characteristics the newcomer appears to owe its inspiration to Continental designs such as the open-bodied Cistalias and Simcas, for the overall dimensions and weight are quite radically slight, while the Vauxhall Ten engine (1,203 c.c.) fitted to the prototype was, of course, never designed for startling output.

To be specific, the dry-weight of the Cooper is nine cwt; as to available power, the only under-bonnet departure from standard consists of the substitution of two horizontal S.U. carburetors, with open intakes, for a single down-draught instrument, and the fitting of a multi-branch exhaust take-off with lenient curves.

These changes might perhaps enhance the normal output (34.5 b.h.p. at 3,800 r.p.m.) by five or six h.p. But it is emphasised that other makers of engine are also under consideration, one of them giving more than twice the power of that tentatively installed.

The chassis used is identical, in all except rear track, with that of the 1,000 c.c. racing Cooper, and, in brief, comprises a pair of channel-section side members, running horizontally and pierced for lightness.

One Unit

Body and frame in effect comprise one unit, for the 18-gauge aluminium alloy panels clothe a skeleton of strip steel formers welded to the main chassis channels.

The Burman steering gives the same ratio as the racing car—1 1/4 turns from lock to lock. The wheel-base is seven feet one inch, the front track four feet one inch and rear track four feet 1 1/2 inch.

Fears Discounted

By giving it a non-standard contour, the Vauxhall gear lever is brought conveniently close to the 16in diameter steering wheel.

In Britain, where so far as actual or projected production enterprises are concerned, the down-scaling in weight and also of sporting cars has proceeded more cautiously than abroad, there may be a disposition to impute frailty to any passenger vehicle which weighs as little as nine cwt while exerting not far short of 40 b.h.p. Such fears, however, may be discounted when it is realised that this name Cooper chassis has shown itself strong enough for the 80 h.p. plus of the big J.A.F. racing twin, a unit which, moreover, must obviously do its work far more lumpily than a four.

The makers believe, on the basis of a hit-and-miss measurement method, that the maximum speed with a flat screen and the present gearing exceeds 85 m.p.h., which, in view of the moderate rolling resistance and frontal area, is probably feasible.

Be that as it may, three important characteristics were impressively impressive. First, the effortless exuberance of the acceleration; second, the hairline accuracy of the high-gear steering and fine cornering power; and third, the fineness of the all-independent springing.

Some small sacrifice in the latter respect must result when the system is stiffened by recombining or the addition of an extra leaf in each spring, for at present the suspension deflects excessively.

ROAD SAFETY DISCUSSION

At a joint meeting of the Institute of Automobile Assessors, Midland Centre, and the Birmingham Insurance Institute recently road safety was discussed.

A. G. Douglas Glasse, Associate Editor of The Autocar, remarked that there is a tendency to regard the problem as primarily caused by vehicle drivers, rather than all classes of road users. He pointed out that road accidents were not unknown before the advent of the internal combustion engine, and that there were many other contributory factors: for example, bad road surfaces, particularly where there were tram tracks. On two occasions within the last few days he had seen cyclists and fall on tram tracks—two accidents which had nothing to do with motor vehicles.



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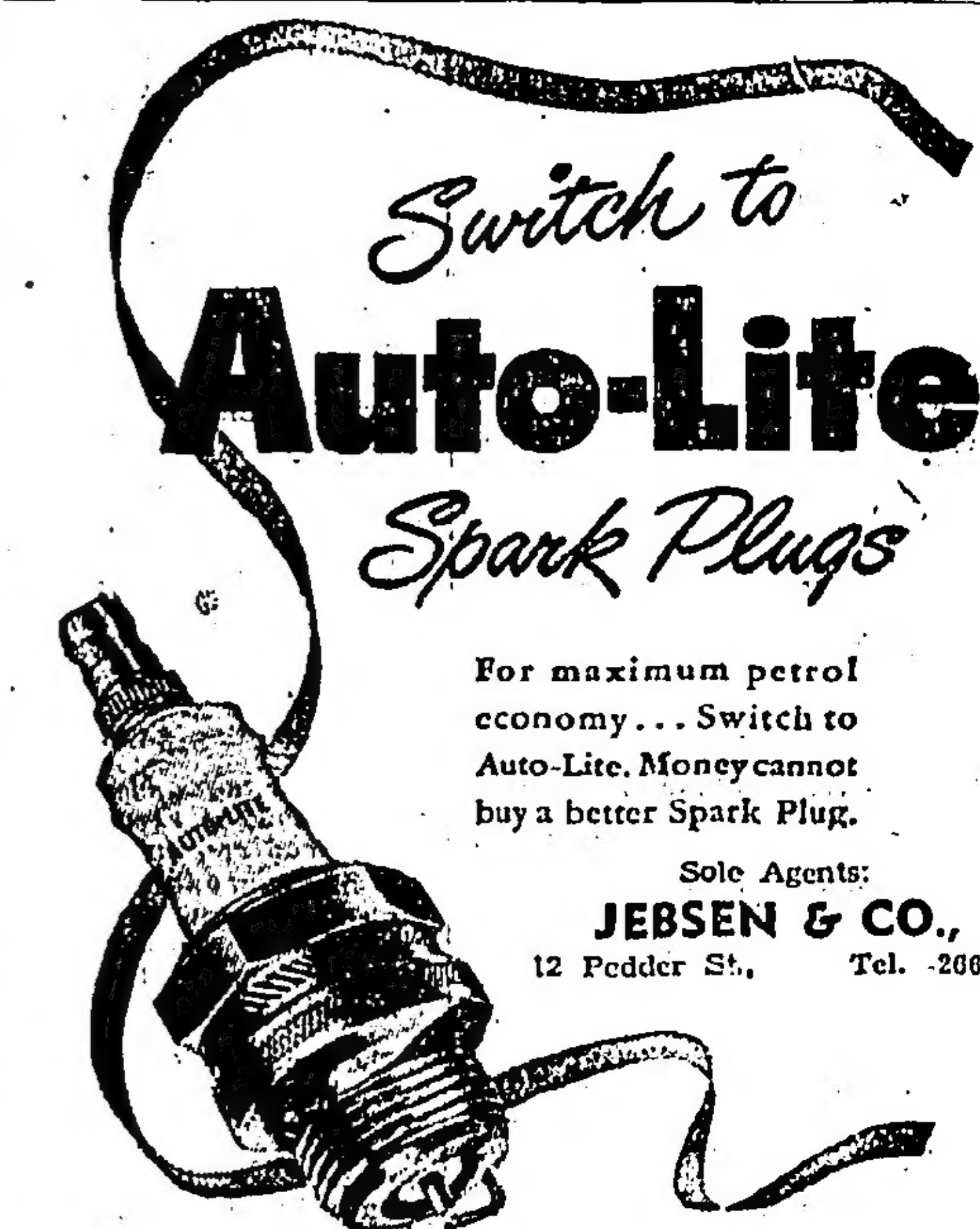
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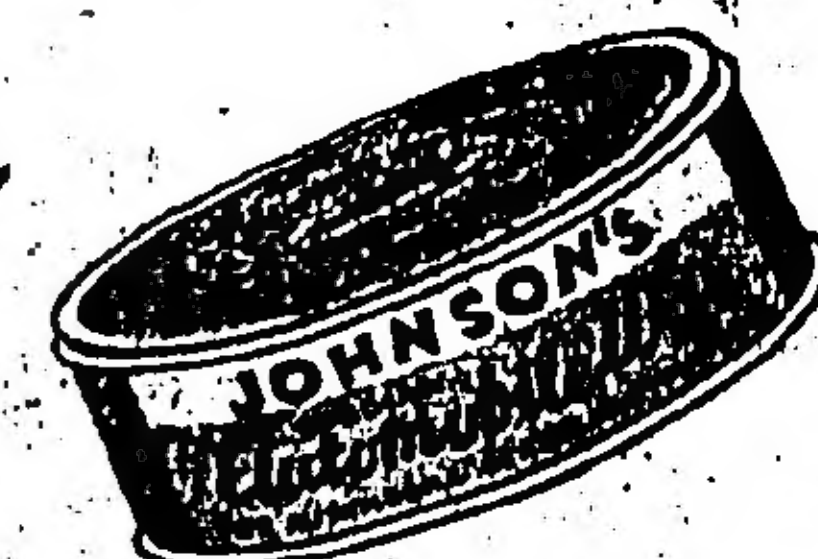
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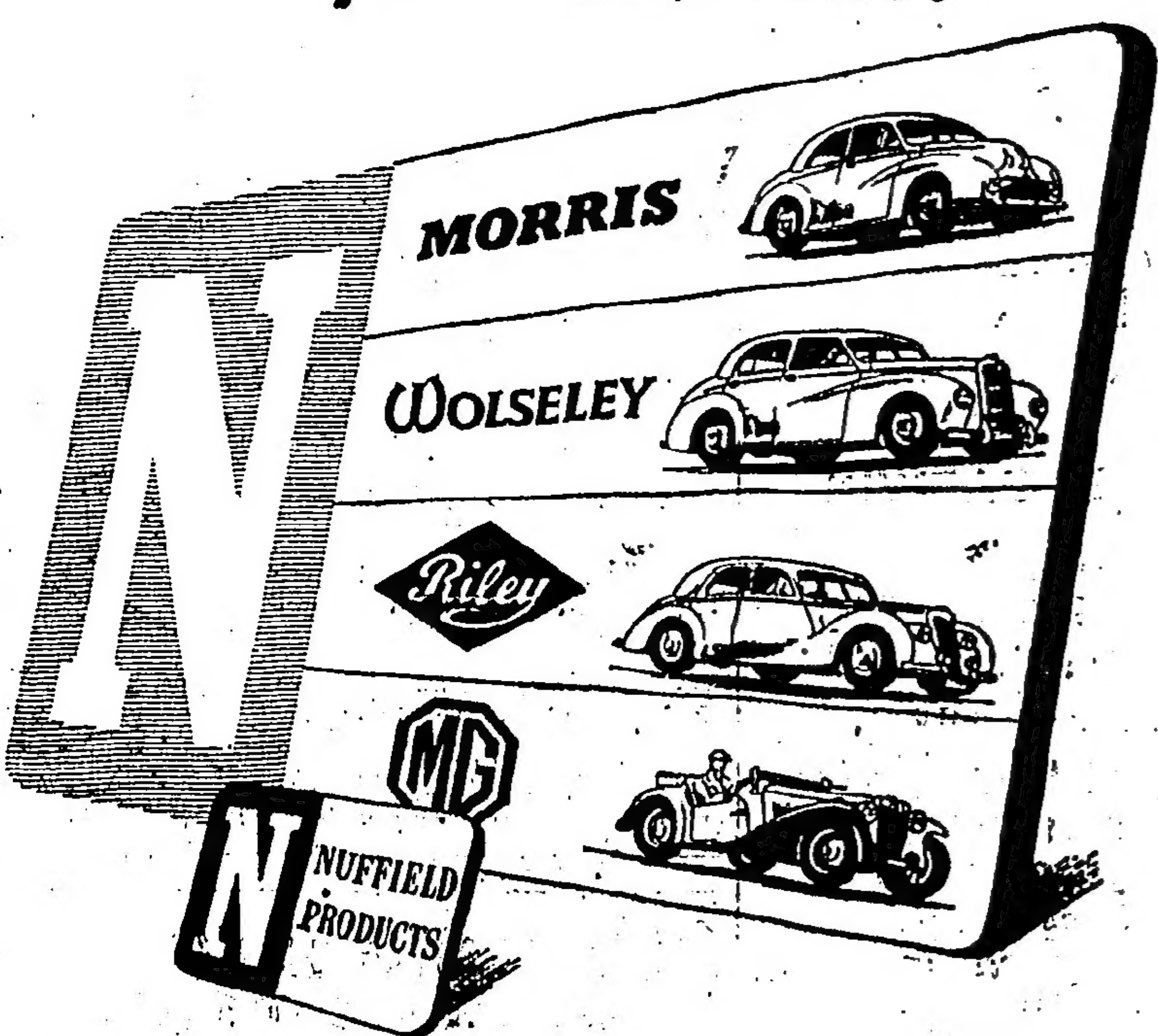
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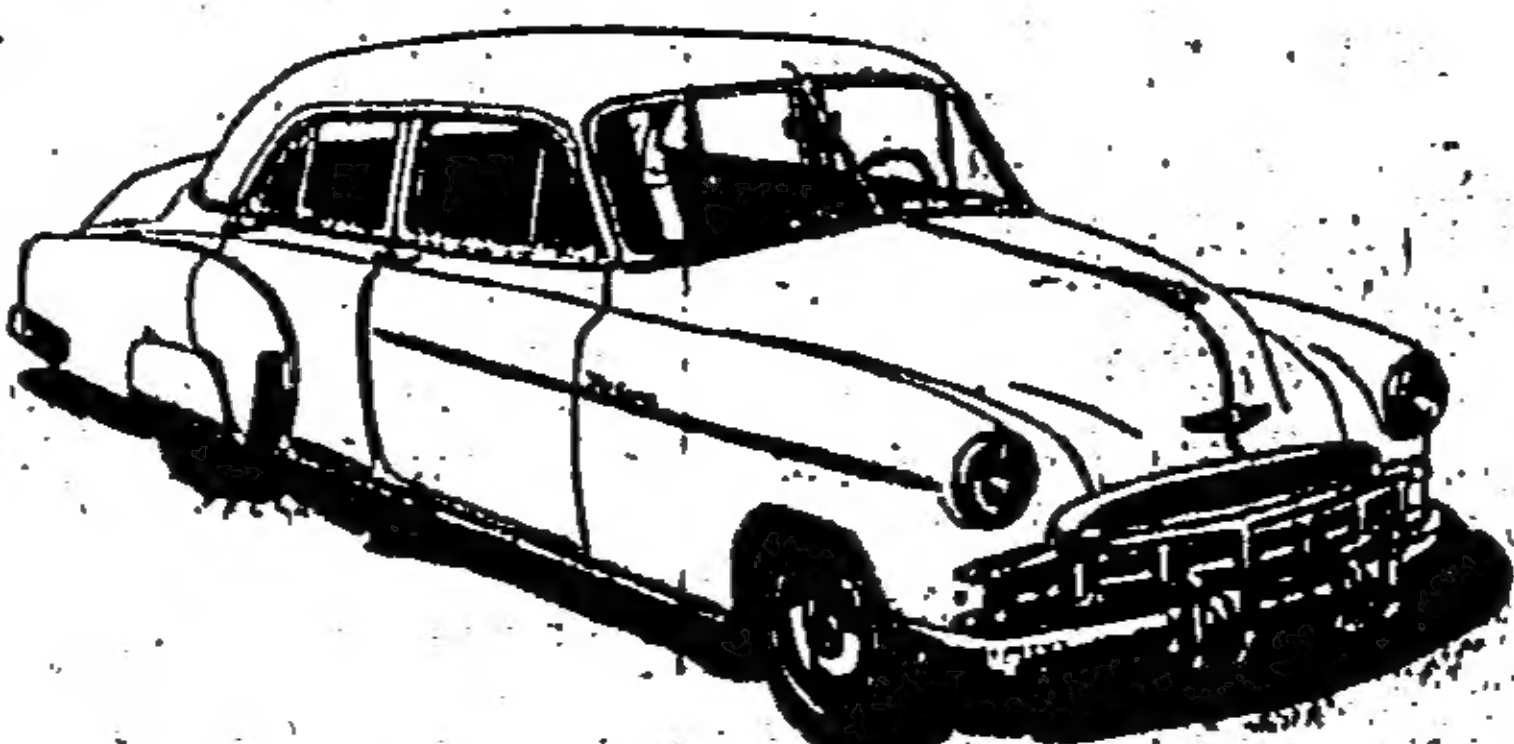
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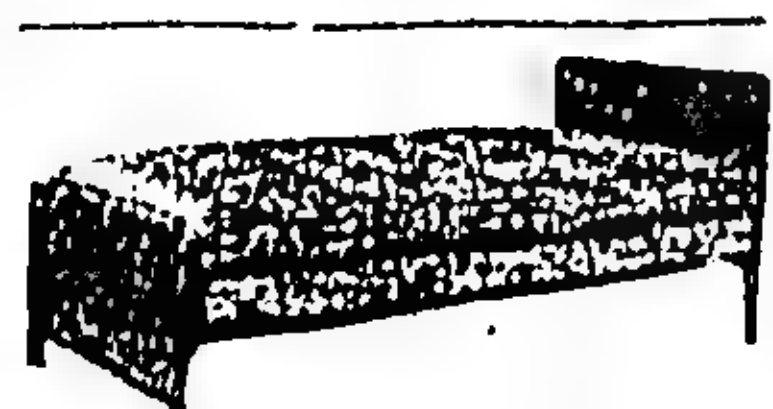


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SURPRISE TALKS IN DELHI BY ASIAN NATIONS

New Delhi, April 14.

An unheralded conference of 11 Asian countries again prodded the United Nations yesterday to restore the authority of the Indonesian Republic.

At the same time, Premier Thakin Nu of Burma is reported to be going home empty-handed after an appeal to the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, for arms and supplies to help put down insurrections.

An authoritative Indian Foreign Office source said India is short of arms for herself.

Thakin Nu represented Burma at the surprise conference on the Indonesian question. The other 10 countries were India and the members of the 19-nation January conference who have diplomatic representatives here. They are Afghanistan, Australia, Ceylon, China, Egypt, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and Siam.

Syria, Lebanon, Transjordan, the Philippines, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Ethiopia were the other countries in the January Asian conference.

Yesterday's meeting was apparently intended as a reminder that Asians are united in support of the Indonesian Republics. The conference called in a communique for "prompt and satisfactory settlement of the Indonesian problem in accordance with the Security Council's resolution of January 28."

That resolution ordered the Dutch to grant self-rule to Indonesia and restore power to Indonesian Republic leaders who were captured last December.

The communique made no mention of the meeting of Dutch and Indonesian leaders at Batavia today (Thursday).

In Pakistan

Thakin Nu arrived in Karachi from New Delhi tonight to meet Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan before the Pakistan Prime Minister leaves for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London.

The Burmese Premier told reporters at the airport that the question of financial aid to Burma may come up for discussion when he meets Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan tomorrow, but Burma has made no formal request to Pakistan for a loan.

He will meet Pandit Nehru again on his way back to Rangoon from Karachi, and he may send a message to London arising out of his meetings with the two Premiers.

Asked if Burma intends to rejoin the Commonwealth, he replied: "No. Not at all."—Associated Press and Reuters.

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Moscow, April 14.

The Moscow weekly paper "New Times" said yesterday that the English are behind the Syrian coup d'etat.

"New Times" described General Hual Zalm as a British puppet put into power in order to push the British plan for the creation of a greater Syria.

"New Times" claimed that the coup d'etat was an expression of Anglo-American rivalries in the Middle East, thus apparently implying that General Zalm is without American support.—Associated Press.

August Holiday In September

London, April 13.

Britain's August Bank Holiday next year may have moved into September and the Whitsun Holiday may be in the early part of June.

Mr. Ernest Wimple, Chairman of the Home Holidays Division of the British Tourist and Holidays Board, said today that he hopes legislation to change the popular summer holidays will be through by 1950.

"We suggested that the August Bank Holiday should be moved on to the second Monday in September," he said. "But the recommendation now is for the first Monday. We have side-tracked Easter, but the Whitsun holiday, we suggest, should be on the second Monday in June."

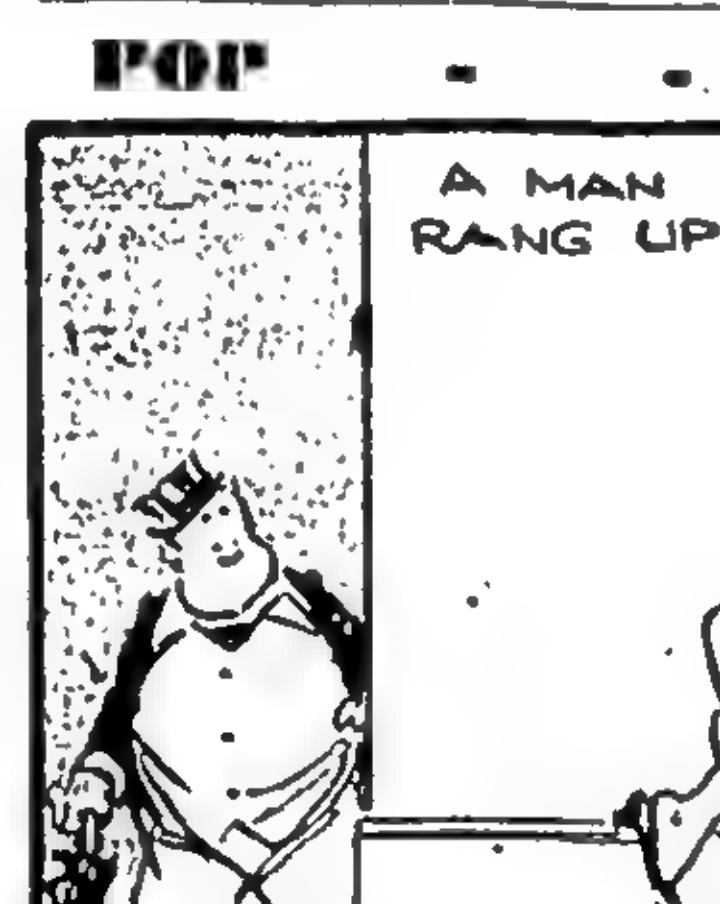
"The move should help very much in getting a spread-over of the summer holidays. There are too many people in this country for holidays to be taken over only a short period."—Reuters.

SYRIA-ISRAEL AGREEMENT

Damascus, April 13.

Syria and Israel today signed a cease fire agreement, a Syrian military spokesman announced tonight.

He said the agreement affected the common Israeli-Syrian frontier.—United Press.



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COLONIAL POLICY: FIVE ESSENTIALS

London, April 13.

Britain is the trustee for all peoples in her Colonies and not just a section or a minority and must discharge the trust to all her beneficiaries.

This is one of five points put forward by Lord Swinton, former Conservative Colonial Secretary, as essential in colonial policy and accepted in a House of Lords debate tonight by Lord Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs.

The other four points:—

1. The greatest need is improved health and the well-being and true liberty of the individual to enjoy them. These and all social services depend on sound economic conditions and development.

2. Economic and social progress depend on co-operation of the European and local population in the "harmony of black and white keys."

3. The ultimate goal is self-government, but this evolution will not follow any set pattern and may be infinitely varied.

4. The prerequisite of self-government is a capacity to govern.

In Malaya

There has been a "gradual, modest and uninterrupted improvement" in the situation in Malaya, Lord Listowel said.

This should not lead anyone to underestimate the danger that must still be faced, he said, in winding up a debate on the colonies.

The number of bandit attacks has steadily decreased since November until, in the last week of March, no more than 10 occurred, compared with an average of 65, he added.

This was also the first week since the beginning of the emergency in which no civilian was killed.

The moral of the communities in Malaya has improved. This is reflected in the increase in the information about bandit activities.

Main Purpose

Speaking about colonies generally, he said: "Our main purpose is to guide the inhabitants of our colonial dependencies to responsible self-government within the Commonwealth in conditions that will give them a fair standard of living and freedom from oppression. The principles behind this policy are trusteeship and partnership."

Earlier in the debate, Lord Swinton accused the Government of being "equivocal" and "niggardly" in its statements about financial help for Malaya. He said the people of Malaya are entitled to fair financial treatment for war damage and for the cost of the campaign now being waged.

"Whatever their intention, the Government statements have been equivocal and, I am afraid, niggardly," he asserted.

After paying a tribute to the troops, the police and the planters and their families in Malaya, Lord Swinton said he believes that slow but steady progress is being made in the suppression of the Communist insurgents.

Many Chinese and Malays, however, are uncertain about the future, he continued. "I am sure the Government have no intention of repeating the Burmah case in Malaya. But I feel that the position would be helped and confidence strengthened by a firm and authoritative declaration by the Government that Great Britain will not only restore order in Malaya but maintain liberty in the country once it has been restored."

Lord Killarney, former Special Commissioner in South East Asia, urged in a maiden speech that "outlawry and banditry in Malaya be suppressed and that every assistance needed by the local authorities be given without stint."

Lord Mancroft, Conservative, said Britain cannot fix a date when she can hand over control in Malaya. "The date is when the Malayan people have shown us and the world at large that they are fit to rule," he said.—Reuters.

OUTLOOK DIM IN INDIES

Batavia, April 13.

Dr. Mohammed Rum, chairman of the Indonesian Republic's delegation to the Indonesian-Dutch conference, pessimistic about the chances of settling the Indonesian problem peacefully.

Rum spoke on the eve of the renewed Indonesian-Dutch talks under the auspices of the United Nations Indonesian Commission.

In the first interview since he was captured, imprisoned and then exiled to Bangka Island by the Dutch, Rum told the United Press:

"I have little optimism over the preliminary conference which opens tomorrow but we must continue all our efforts to reach a peaceful settlement although recent experiences have not given me much hope."

While warning against further deterioration of the situation, Rum emphasized that he wants a speedy solution.

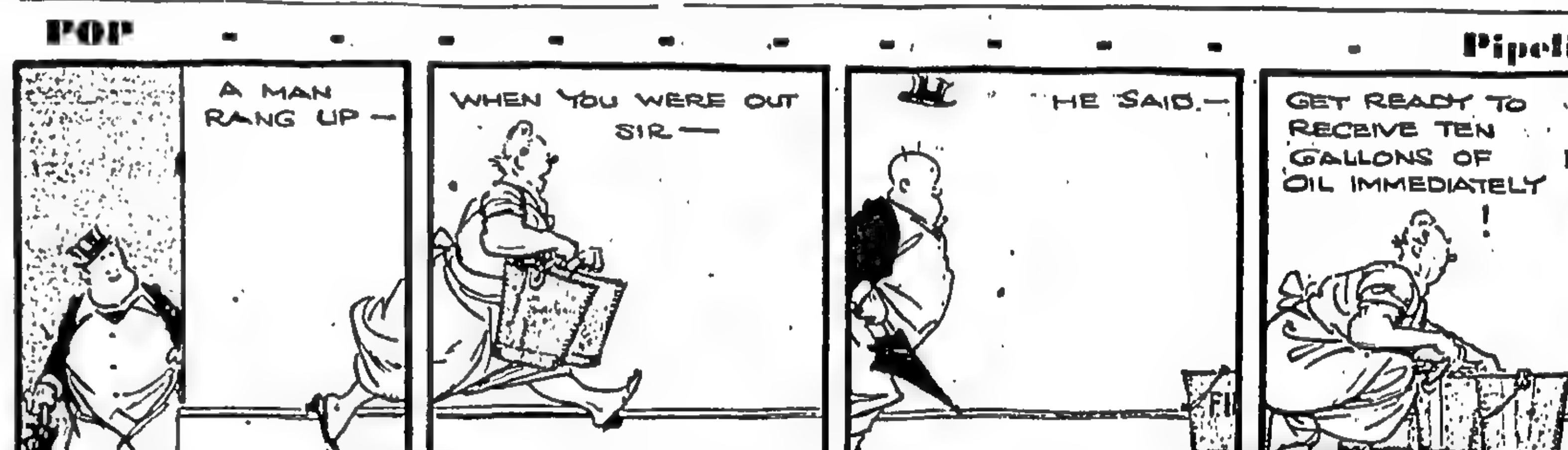
He said: "The problem is simple. It is the restoration of the Republic. The Sultan of Johore, who is in Batavia, gives us every assurance that the Indonesian police can be reorganized within 24 hours. Reports show that the Republican administration is intact in Jogjakarta and only a handful of minor civil servants had gone over to the Dutch."—United Press.

BOY CAUSE OF MAJOR FIRE

Manila, April 13.

Press reports from Cebu City said today that 8,000 to 10,000 persons were made homeless by a three-hour fire which razed at least 1,000 houses in eight city blocks yesterday afternoon. Damage is estimated at US\$1,000,000 to US\$1,500,000.

The reports said that, according to police investigators, the fire was started by a five-year-old boy playing with matches.—United Press.



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The Director of Education (Chairman). The two Senior Inspectors of Schools. The Inspector of Vocational Schools. The Women Inspector of Schools. The Deputy Medical Officer for Schools. The Principal, Northcote Training College. The Honorable Chiu Tsun-nin. The Honorable Sir Han-kun Lo. The Honorable Chiu Sik-nin. The Right Rev. Ronald Owen Hall, Mr. Abbas el Arculli, Mr. Hugh Blackwell Layard, Mr. Thomas Ryman, Mr. Michael William Turner, Mrs. Jeanne Field, Mr. Hin-shing Lo, and Dr. Frank Ashton.

The Secretary is to be appointed by the Director of Education.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

EASTER HOLIDAYS
On Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 15, 16 and 18, 1949, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
There will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from the pillar boxes during the holidays (except Sunday).
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.
OUTWARD SURFACE MAIL TO UNITED KINGDOM
An outward surface mail to United Kingdom via Port of Spain, "Canton" will be closed on Friday, April 15, 1949, as follows:
CPO Hong Kong: (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
CPO Kowloon: (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Mails are expected to arrive at London on or about May 16, 1949.
Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.
Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the CPO closing times.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

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GENERAL HOLIDAY

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Air-Conditioning In Factories

If architects had originally included the prerequisites for future air-conditioning when designing factories, the cost of installation today would have been cut down at least by 65 per cent.

The present tendency, however, is to produce larger and more economical plants to reduce cost of installation.

This was revealed by Mr. Wilfred Wong, Managing Director of the American Engineering Corporation, in his talk on "Air-Conditioning" at the weekly luncheon of the International Y.M.C. Club at Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

The application of air-conditioning is not limited to comfort, but has many uses in the field of industry. In cotton mills, for instance, control of air would have an optimum condition for operation as well as for the health, and consequently efficiency, of the workers.

High humidity is desirable for weaving, and to this end it would be only necessary to spray as much water as possible. This high humidity, however, is very damaging to the lungs of the workers, resulting frequently in their contracting tuberculosis.

In the case of spinning mills, the heat of motors, usually of several hundred horsepower, would be enough to bring down the relative humidity to the desired level. But the temperature would be more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

The installation of this modern apparatus would eliminate all these disadvantages, Mr. Wong asserted. Unfortunately, many existing factories were built with no original intention of air-conditioning, and as result installation costs at present would be rather high.

Another feature of air-conditioning is that in filtering air through a glycol screen, common colds among employees have decreased considerably. Statistics from a large corporation showed that colds decreased by 90 per cent among the workers.

The speaker was thanked by Professor Chen of the Hong Kong University, Dr. Wellington Iltis was in the chair.

Ambulance Brigade Orders

Orders by Mr. A. J. Arculli, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, Order No. 15/49, dated April 15 follows:-
Ambulance Duties Kowloon: April 15 to 23, Shaikwan Division, 10, HKYMCA Division, 12 noon; Monday, 12, SCADA Division, 12 noon.
Beach Duties Hong Kong: Saturday, 16, Confucius Division, 1.30 p.m.; Sunday, 17, Chung Sing Division, 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.; Monday, 18, 8th Nam Division, 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.; Tuesday, 19, Shaikwan Division, 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 20, HKYMCA Division, 12 noon; Thursday, 21, HKYMCA Division, 12 noon; Friday, 22, HKYMCA Division, 12 noon; Saturday, 23, Central Nursing Division, 12 noon.
Promotions, Appointments: Mr. N. A. Marchant appointed Dist. Sup't. 1/c Stores Kowloon w.e.f. April 15; Dr. Wong Wai-kwong appointed Dist. Surg. KYMCA Division w.e.f. March 1.

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HK's Trade In March

Increases in imports and exports of merchandise were recorded during March. It was officially stated yesterday. Total imports into the Colony in the month under review amounted to HK\$221,714,903 in declared value as compared with HK\$161,595,087 in February, and HK\$170,662,010 in March, 1948. Exports in March totalled HK\$177,073,237 as compared with HK\$153,434,353 in February, and HK\$115,047,168 in March, 1948. Imports during the first quarter of the year totalled HK\$542,702,280 as compared with HK\$441,569,591 in the first quarter of last year. Exports amounted to HK\$484,330,979 as compared with HK\$320,638,903.

HKOF ORDERS

Orders by Colonel L.T. Rite, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated April 14, 1949 follow:-
Holidays: HKOF Headquarters, Lower Albert Road, will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Monday.
Enrolment: Enrolment for the Force to now in progress. The procedure for this is:- (A) X-ray examination, (B) Medical examination, (C) Attestation. Personnel who have been registered for the Force will be informed by letter when to attend for the various items.
X-ray Examination: Personnel who have been called forward to undergo this examination and who, for one reason or another, have been unable to attend at the stated time are requested to report to this HQ at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 1949.
Medical Examination: This will commence on Tuesday April 19, at the Medical Inspection Room at this HQ, Lower Albert Road. The examination will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week until further notice. Personnel to attend for the first week have already been circulated by letter.
Refresher Course: Some 40 students are at present undergoing this course. Any other person who has registered for the Force and who wishes to attend can obtain full details from the Senior Staff Officer (P.T. No. 3103) at 21.

Instructions For Depot: It is hoped to open the Depot at the end of this month. A number of instructors will be required immediately to assist in the training. Land Force Headquarters have kindly offered assistance in this respect but a number of volunteers will also be required. If anyone, who has already registered, has any experience of instructing in any capacity, weapon training, fieldcraft, etc., and is willing to offer his services it will be greatly appreciated. A number of volunteers have already come forward. Other volunteers should forward their names to the Senior Staff Officer, before the Depot opens it is intended to run a short refresher course for volunteer instructors full details will be published later.

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The week opened quietly, but on Tuesday (12th) there was a distinct bear raid. This the Market stood up to rather well, absorbing all the offerings dumped at declining prices. After the raid had spent itself the Market steadied up and closed on the firm side with enquiries of prices above the worst.

The following Dividends have been announced this week: Union of Canton 30/-; Dairy Farms final of \$2.50 old shares and \$2.10 new shares—all tax free.

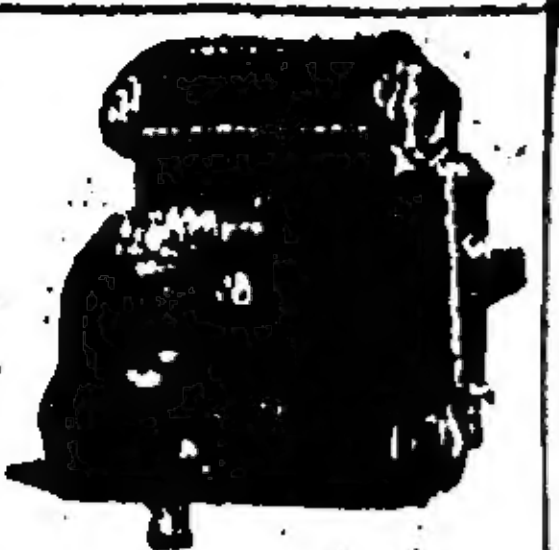
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Easter Race Meeting Will Begin Tomorrow

(By "RAPIER")

The Easter Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will start tomorrow at the Valley and will be resumed on Monday.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 11 a.m. both days, the first race starting at mid-day. The tiffin interval will be taken after the finish of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The programme on each day will consist of 12 events. On Saturday, the most important event is the Sisson Challenge Cup while on Monday the Eastern Handicap and the St. George's Plate will form the main attraction.

Followers of Mr. H. Matland will regret to learn that he will not be in the saddle tomorrow, as he has left for Shanghai to attend his daughter's wedding. He will fly back by plane in time for Monday's races.

Messrs. D. Black and V. V. Needs will ride colours and their appearance will be welcomed by the racing public.

We have also a crack rider from Hankow in the person of Mr. H. R. Hoggate, who has had a great deal of racing experience on Chinese ponies up North, but has not ridden on Australian ponies before making his local debut tomorrow.

However, he was seen riding every morning at the course the last two weeks to get himself accustomed.

First Race
Shamshuipo Stakes: Six Furlongs.

The opening race on Saturday is a sprint event confined to Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 5. Weight 147 lbs.

In my estimation, the result will be decided between the following: Sprites (Mr. Pote-Hunt), Shangri-la (Mr. Gregory), Mastermind (Mr. Needs) and Burge (Mr. Alexander).

Judging from his training gallop on April 2, when he completed the six furlongs in 1.29.3, last quarter 28.4 seconds, Sprites is my choice and I think it should win with Shangri-la and Mastermind as the main opposition.

I would, however, recommend a little attention to Burge, as the distance is more to his liking, and it can move fairly fast.

Second Race
Yaumatei Stakes (First Section): From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

In this race for novice riders, Zephyr (Mr. Mu) has a good opportunity of scoring a win in view of its performance in the Chin Drinkers Day Stakes (Third Section) on the same mile at the First Race Meeting, when it came in third.

The Alligator (Mr. C.F. Ng) is about the next best in this crowd and, although it ran unplaced at its last outing, it has been showing improved form lately. It will give Zephyr a keen fight at the end.

Aeroplane (Mr. Darkin) is improving in its track during morning gallops and it will not be a surprise to see it fighting out the finish. Flying Knight (Mr. Chiu) and Fillbuster (Mr. T.L. Shum) should also receive some consideration, especially the latter, which is not bad.

Third Race
Mongkoktail Handicap: One Mile.

This race for Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 2. My Love (Mr. Hoggate) has been given top weight of 159 lbs. This pony will be conceding a good deal of handicap to some of the other more dangerous contenders, and in some instances there is more than 21 lbs difference in weight.

It only goes to show that the official handicapper has a high opinion of this Sub, but I fail to see how My Love with no form to guide for some time past can be penalised with such a heavy burden.

I think this race will be won by a pony with a low impost, and with this in view I recommend looking out for Jeep Hee (Mr. Black)—as it ran very well at the last meeting with Mr. Kwok up, and paid a useful dividend, coming in second.

Fairy Feet (Mr. Pote-Hunt) and Shun Fung (Mr. Shieh) are my selections for the other positions with Lady Gloucester as the outsider.

would be well to remember that at the Annual Meeting, Maniac won the Wongsheibong Stakes (Fourth Section) over the mile without being fully extended.

Empress Delight (Mr. C.F. Ng) is another pony with a strong recommendation for a win, although it will have to run straight this time as any bowing out will only rob it of a chance of winning.

Easy-going will again be ridden by Mr. Gregory, and although this pony is gradually improving, I doubt whether it can do better than place.

Barbarian (Mr. Wong Yan), winner of the Newbury Stakes (First Section) at the last meeting has been promoted, but as it will be running against better animals, it will not be worth considering.

Fifth Race
Tai Hang Handicap (First Section): One And A Quarter Miles.

This race is confined to Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 2.

Dominion Day (Mr. Gregory) will have to carry 157 lbs and good as it is, as compared with the opposition, an am not inclined to suggest it as the likely winner.

The race itself should be fought out between Jeep Lee (Mr. Pote-Hunt) and Shannon (Mr. Ostroumoff), but bear in mind that with only 135 lbs to carry, Meteorologist (Mr. Wong Yan) should not be overlooked.

My preference is Shannon, as it did the mile in training on April 6 in 2.04.2 last quarter 28.2 seconds. It will be ridden by Mr. Ostroumoff, who invariably does well with this pony.

Jeep Lee may give Shannon a good tussle, and it may prove itself a little better than Dominion Day for second position.

Sixth Race
Pokfulam Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 5. Weight 145 lbs 1 lb penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since January. Limit to penalty 14 lbs.

Jeep Lee (Mr. Pote-Hunt) and Possibility (Mr. K.F. Chiu) which came in first in the Pottinger Gap Handicap (First and Third Section) respectively at the Third Race Meeting will figure in the finish for main honours in this race with the former as my fancy for the first position.

Countess Delight (Mr. C.F. Ng) should not be overlooked. It has not done anything of note as yet but it may come off tomorrow afternoon, as it will be carrying 145 lbs less 5 lb allowance for a Newcomer.

Chief Witness (Mr. B.L. Tao) lost to Possibility in the above race will find the distance suitable and may pop up again for a place.

Jeep Hing (Mr. Shieh) is coming along nicely in morning training and for long shot I suggest keeping it in mind.

Seventh Race
Sassoon Challenge Cup: One And A Quarter Miles.

This is the main event of the first day and is confined to Australian ponies, Griffins and Subscriptions ponies of any season. Weight 147 lbs.

By virtue of its win in the Champion Stakes at the Annual Meeting, Vagabond King (Mr. Pote-Hunt) will command the greatest respect, but when it is realised that Sky-master (Mr. B.L. Tao), the winner of the Magazine Gap Handicap (First Section) at the Third Race Meeting has also entered for the St. George's Plate on Monday and may prefer to try conclusion against the above pony in this race, it must be realised that the result will be very open.

Norse Queen, the holder of this Cup will be sent out, and under the control of Mr. Don Black it will also be seriously considered as the pony has been specially reserved for this important event.

The only other entry of importance is Dauful Beauty (Mr. Ostroumoff), but, good as it undoubtedly is, I cannot see it being anywhere near at the finish. I have a strong feeling that Sky-master will just about do the trick.

Eighth Race

Mataukok Stakes: Six Furlongs.

This event is for Australian ponies of 1949 classified Class 7. Weight 145 lbs one lb penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Limit to penalty 14 lbs.

Looking at the entries, it would appear that Radiotron (Mr. Ostroumoff) has the best recommendation for a win although its failure in the Snugglers Pass Stakes (Second Section) at the Third Race Meeting over the two mile post in running third has been most disappointing.

Speed Wheel (Mr. Gregory) did well in seeking third position in the Newbury Stakes (First Section) should be well supported accordingly.

Good News (Mr. H.S. Chang) is another pony to be watched, although it failed to gain a place the last time out. The distance is also more suited to Reputation (Mr. Pote-Hunt) and, as an outsider it is worth following.

Ninth Race
Apichau Handicap: One Mile.

Australian Ponies of 1949 classified Class 5 will battle for supremacy in this event and, looking back on the "name" race over six furlongs, at the previous meeting, I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the winner will come from the following: Hongkong Sledge (Mr. Gregory), Sportsmaster (Mr. Tao), Jennifer (Mr. Needs), and Penelope (Mr. Kwok).

Hongkong Sledge, judging from its third placing behind First Alarm and Rowanlong respectively in the Haydock Park Handicap has a very good chance of winning, although it has been penalised by eight lbs which I believe it can handle.

Sportsmaster will again have Mr. Tao as pilot, although unplaced in this same race, I fancy that it will prove a menace to Hongkong Sledge.

Jennifer has shown improvement in its morning gallops, and under the capable handling of Mr. Needs, I think it has a say at the finish.

Penelope although not as good as the other ponies should give a good account of itself in this race as it is carrying 137 lbs.

Tenth Race
Tai Hang Handicap (Second Section): One And A Quarter Miles.

This is the second section of the race for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 2.

Pleasant Valley (Mr. Shieh) came in second to Lovely Lady in the Melbourne Cup over two miles at the Second Race Meeting with Mr. Chiu up, and on that performance should have no difficulty in winning.

The only danger comes from Rose Emme (Mr. Ostroumoff) which is quite at home over this distance and will probably extend the above pony.

For the third position a keen struggle should ensue between Sunshine (Mr. Alexander) and V-J Day (Mr. Gregory).

Eleventh Race
Talkoktail Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

Looking over the entries for this sprint event, Rowanlong (Mr. Ostroumoff) which was second in the Haydock Park Handicap over six furlongs at the last meeting seems to be the best bet for a win.

The danger, of course is Baylight (Mr. Pote-Hunt) which has been running well during morning gallops and this combination should not be ignored.

Then there is Ringier (Mr. K.F. Chiu), but this pony has disappointed so many times that I am not too confident regarding its ability to beat the above two mentioned ponies. Poker Face (Mr. Castro) is another good pony to bear in mind.

Twelfth Race
Pokfulam Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.

Second section of Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 5 will battle out the finish in this last race of the first day and judging from its second placing behind Seafire in the Pottinger Gap Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the Third Race Meeting, Totale which will be taken out by Mr. Needs should command strong support in the betting. Good as this pony is, however, I don't think it will win over this distance.

Sun Fung (Mr. Chang) although it ran unplaced in the above race, first section, is my choice as the distance is more suitable to it.

Mr. Ostroumoff has the choice on either Brilvato or Colonia, and he will probably take out the latter, which is better over this distance.

For a long shot I suggest



The Singapore Army Soccer XI and Combined HK Services team. Singapore Army beat Combined HK Services by four goals to one at Sookunpoo yesterday.

"Rapier's" Selections For Tomorrow

Race No. 1
SPRINTER
SHANGRI-LA
MASTERMIND
Outsider: Burge.

Race No. 2
ZEPHYR
FLYING KNIGHT
AEROLANE
Outsider: Fillbuster.

Race No. 3
JEOP HEE
FAIRY FEET
SHUN FUNG
Outsider: Lady Gloucester.

Race No. 4
EMPEROR DELIGHT
MANIAC
SHUN LEE
Outsider: Easy-going.

Race No. 5
SHANNON
JEOP LEE
DOMINION DAY
Outsider: Meteorologist.

Race No. 6
FIESTA
POSSIBILITY
COUNTRESS DELIGHT
Outsider: Jeop Hing.

Race No. 7
SKYMASTER
VAGABOND KING
NORSE QUEEN
Outsider: Dauful Beauty.

Race No. 8
RADIOTRON
GOOD WHEEL
GOOD NEWS
Outsider: Reputation.

Race No. 9
HONGKONG SLEDGE
JENNIFER
SPORTSMAN
Outsider: Penelope.

Race No. 10
PLEASANT VALLEY
ROSE EMME
SUNSHINE
Outsider: V-J Day.

Race No. 11
ROWANGLAN
BAYLIGHT
RINGIER
Outsider: Poker Face.

Race No. 12
SOME FUN
TOOTIE
COLONIA
Outsider: Arabian Moon.

SINGAPORE SOCCER XI BEATS HK TEAM, 4-1

Singapore Army 4—Combined HK Services 1

The Singapore Army Soccer XI, playing their first game in the Colony, beat Combined Hong Kong Services by four goals to one in a clean, and hard fought match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

The visitors, impressed favourably and fully deserved their victory.

Their understanding was well high perfect, while their long sweeping passes were a delight to watch.

Service, the custodian, gave a sparkling performance between the sticks and fully lived up to his reputation.

In front of him, both Snellson and Butler showed up well in the full back berth and did not give the local forwards very much scope within which to operate.

Whitehorse, the pivot, gave an outstanding performance and was always where play was thickest. His height proved to be of great advantage and in his tussles with Jeffery while the ball was in the air, seldom came out second best.

On his flanks, both Shea and Williams played a steady game and had the measure of the Hong Kong wingers.

In goal, as leader of the Singapore attack, played a flawless game and led his line with zest. Todd, the inside right, also played a fine game and was a continual source of danger to the opposing defence, as also was Porter.

Fine Turn Of Speed
Brook and Lovelace, the two wingers, showed a fine turn of speed and centred with precision.

For the Hong Kong team, Anderson played a hard game in goal and had little chance with the shots which went past him. Hughes and Convery, the two backs, gave a good display but at times were no match for the wily Singapore forwards.

Craigie, the local pivot, had a grilling afternoon and was up, on the whole, a very creditable performance.

Weatherall, who made a welcome return to the local soccer field played in the right half berth. He was not seen at his best, however, and failed to produce the brilliance which was a feature of his play in the past.

Apparently he was feeling the effects of his recent sea voyage. Rowlands, the left half, played a fine spilling game and did all that was expected of him.

Rafferty, the local centre-forward, had a comparatively long afternoon. He was too well marked by Whitehorse and together with Simms and Higgs found the lanky Singapore pivot an obstacle none too easy to overcome.

Of the two Hong Kong wingers, West was the more prominent and tried hard for goals. Marsden played a quiet, yet effective game.

The game opened briskly and with both sides adopting open methods, the ball was rapidly transferred from one end of the field to the other.

Singapore were the more dangerous when in possession of the ball, but the bustling tactics of Hughes and Convery prevented them from taking an early lead.

Visitors Take The Lead
The visitors took the lead when, following a perfect centre by Brook, Inglis connected the ball and drew first blood with a fine effort which had Anderson beaten all the way.

Maintaining pressure, Singapore went further ahead through Todd, who netted with a fast ground shot from a centre by Lovelace.

Combined Services retaliated strongly after this reverse and West, after a brilliant piece of dribbling, worked the ball into the centre and then sent in a powerful drive which Service saved in brilliant style.

A minute before half time, the local team reduced the lead of their opponents when Rafferty broke through and netted from close range.

In the second half, Combined Services were more prominent in attack and for long periods kept the Singapore team penned in its own half of the field. The local forwards were, however, unable to put the finishing touches to their approach work.

West, who was playing a fine game for the local side, almost netted when he broke through on his own and sent in a rasping grounder, but the ball was deflected in fine style by Service.

A Narrow Escape
On another occasion, the Singapore goal had a narrow escape when Service, after leaving his charge, was beaten to the ball and unable to recover in time. The ball was immediately sent across the Singapore goalmouth, but the fast tackling defence cleared the ball before any of the local forwards could rush up.

Singapore went further ahead through Inglis, who lobbed the ball over the head of Anderson during a goalmouth melee.

Higgs came into the picture with a pile-driver from about 20 yards, but Service was not to be caught napping and saved in grand style.

Singapore obtained their fourth goal through Lovelace, who beat Anderson with a well placed shot. Play continued at a fast pace, but the final whistle came without any more goals being scored.

Singapore Army: Service, Snellson, Butler, Shea, Whitehorse, Williams, Brook, Todd, Inglis, Porter and Lovelace.

Exhibition Games In Softball

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The full inter-Hong fixture for Easter week being postponed, fans are offered substitute entertainment with an exhibition tussle between HMCS "Crescent" and an all-star Portuguese side. This tilt has been slated for 2.30 p.m. at King's Park on Sunday.

The pitching feat returned by Eric Tuttle last week is still news around town, and those who missed seeing the superb slab artist will have another chance of watching mound wizard Tuttle at work.

Tuttle whiffed 10 batters in a twelve-inning game last week against a mixed local side, and although he lost a close 3-2 decision, there can be no doubt that he was the outstanding player on the diamond. The Portuguese line-up is still uncertain as mentor Charlie Figueredo, who piloted Portugal to the International Championship, is still trying to round up nine men for this post-season exhibition.

During the week the visitors from the Land of the Maple triumphed 3-0 over a scratch side comprising mainly of players from the leading Junior League teams. The exception being Jojo Franco of VRC who took over pitching chores. Tuttle pitched for the "Crescent" crew and fanned 12 in a regulation 7-inning game, and only gave up a single by Jojo Baptista who was left stranded.

France fell victim to the deadly upstart in his three turns at bat but had the satisfaction of getting Tuttle for an equal number of times via "three strikes".

Members of the local side were: Jojo Franco (Pitcher), "Chandri" Pedrico (Catcher), Lionel Sequiera (1st base), Alvaro Souza (2nd base), Tony Silva (5th Stop), Vic Pedrico (3rd base), and Ollie Vas, Jojo Baptista and Lino Marques (outfielders).

Statistics for the Ladies League have been completed, checked and re-checked by your finger. Only seven managed to complete a season with a batting mark of over .300 with Wildcat hurler Dolly Brown leading the pack with an impressive .426 followed closely by Owl hurler Terry Noronha's .421.

Dolly Brown started off the season badly only registering one hit in the first two games during which time she went to bat nine times, but suddenly Dolly emerged from the slump and hit consistently in every game. Before the Wahoo-Wildcat playoff, Brown and Noronha were only a couple of percentage points apart, but Dolly's two-bagger in the seventh inning of that memorable play-off clinched matters. Follow-

Sale of tickets has been very encouraging and table reservations are heavy. Those who have not so at the early opportunity to avoid being disappointed at the last moment. Reservations may be made by phone direct to the Peninsula Hotel.

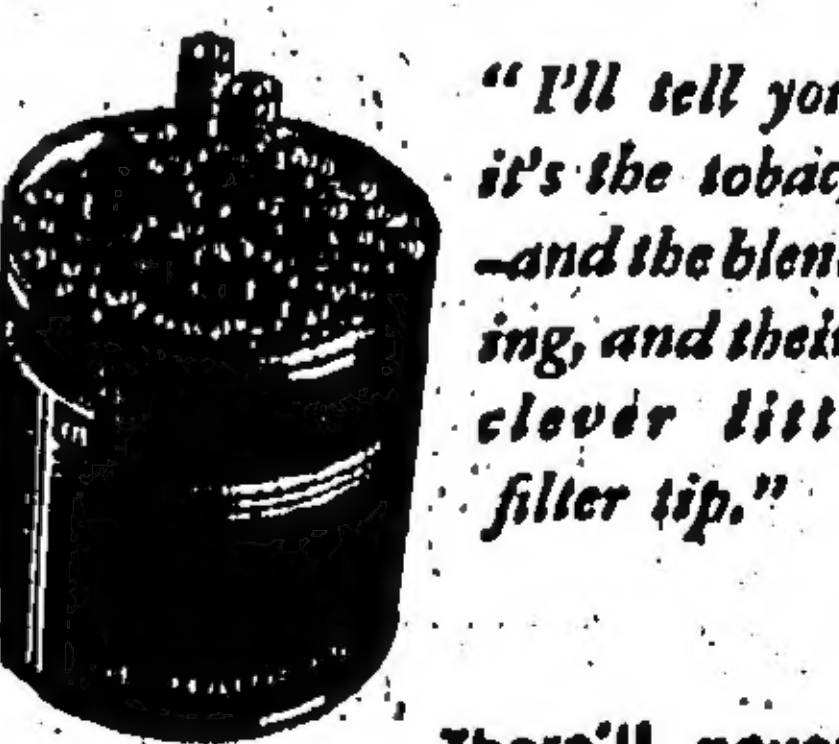
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